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*East Lake, 1897*

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*Alabama Baptist  
State  
Convention*

*Seventy-sixth Session*

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PROCESSION—Z. D. Roby, Geo. E. Brewer, J. P. Shaffer, Arnold S. Smith, W. L. Hudmon.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS—Geo. E. Brewer, W. L. Floyd, C. W. Ashcraft, J. E. Gibbs, C. A. Hornady, J. W. Henner, L. W. Marshall.

YOUTH GROUPS—T. M. Bradley, J. C. Orr, J. W. Stewart, W. D. Gay, E. M. Lovelace, W. R. Whitby, D. S. Martin, W. B. Carter.

WOMEN'S WORK—S. O. Y. Ray, P. H. Mott, B. D. Gray, M. T. Brooks, J. J. Haygood, H. L. Martin, W. L. Cobbs.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK—T. O. Dawson, Geo. E. Brewer, J. D. Cook, C. T. Ratliff, J. G. Lowrey, J. H. Frazier, A. J. Preston.

INTRODUCTORY SERMON—W. G. Curry; alternate, J. L. Sproles.

NEXT SESSION—At Opelika, Wednesday, November 9, 1898.



# ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION,

SEVENTY-SIXTH SESSION—1897.

The ALABAMA BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION assembled in its seventy-sixth session with the Ruhama Baptist Church, at East Lake, Alabama, on Wednesday, December 15, 1897, at 10 o'clock A. M. (the meeting having been postponed from November 12, see item 14), W. C. Cleveland, President, presiding, and Wm. A. Davis acting as secretary.

2. I. A. White led the devotional exercises.

3. Delegates were enrolled as their names appear at end of minutes, which list includes all whose names were reported during the session.

4. Officers were chosen as follows:

*President*—W. C. Cleveland.

*First Vice-President*—Z. D. Roby.

*Second Vice-President*—W. C. Ward.

*Secretary*—Wm. A. Davis.

5. The President briefly addressed the Convention,

6. The Program as prepared and printed by the committee was reported by W. A. Hobson, Chairman, and adopted, after amendment.

7. The address of welcome to East Lake was delivered by W. A. Hobson and response for the Convention was made by L. O. Dawson.

8. Visitors were introduced to the Convention as their names appear with roll of delegates, the list embracing all who were introduced at any time during the convention.

9. J. L. Thompson, President of the Board, read

## REPORT OF THE STATE BOARD OF MISSIONS.

Up to the first of September the prospects of the Board were very encouraging. This being the beginning of the money gathering season, it was thought that by the close of the Associational period the financial condition of the Board would be very much better than at the same date of last year; but just at this juncture the excitement produced by the appearance of yellow fever on the coast, caused business to become

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greatly demoralized in the central and southern parts of the State. This brought with it the enactment of the rigid quarantine which so completely obstructed the thoroughfares of traffic that it was utterly impossible for the Corresponding Secretary and evangelists to attend many of the associational gatherings. The result was that the portion of the State from which we have heretofore received the larger part of our revenue suffered worse than any other section. Following this came the low price of cotton, which tended to still further depress and demoralize our people. We are sad to say that your Board has another proof of the fact that religious institutions and enterprises are the first to feel the effects of monetary depression. O, that God's people would learn that retrenchment should begin first at some other place than the house of God.

The financial exhibit of last conventional year shows a debt on the mission department alone of \$661.12. During the year just past we have not been able to reduce this, but on the contrary the debt has grown to more than twice that amount. It must also be borne in mind that two years ago the Board began its work with a debt of \$1652.66, which had been previously incurred, and which would have been greatly reduced but for the insuperable difficulties which have confronted us during the past year. This does not include the indebtedness to the Greensboro Church. The receipts for all purposes for the year ending the first of December were \$18,218.54, which is \$251.64 less than the average for the last ten years preceding this. However, the expenditures of the Board have been increased; and beside this, very much of the total amount reported represents only a nominal relation to the board, as for instance, where associations appoint their own missionaries, provide the funds to pay them, and receive the indorsement of the Board, simply reporting their work to the Corresponding Secretary. In such cases the money does not pass through the hands of the Board. The funds are kept in the Association, while our secretary and the authorities of the associations exchange receipts. This is perfectly legitimate and right, yet it does not represent the actual receipts and expenditures. Such moneys cannot be utilized in the payment of our debts, or in prosecuting the actual work of the Board.

It is painfully sad to us to mention that the reports of this year and last show a falling off in contributions to both Home and Foreign Missions. The attention of our pastors is called to this fact, and we urge upon them the importance of pressing these objects upon the hearts and consciences of their people.

The following is a condensed statement of the Board's indebtedness:

Department of State Missions preper.....	\$1,573.36
Amount due American Baptist Publication Society.....	415.12
Amount due Sunday School Board S. B. C.....	1,061.81
Amount due Greensboro Church.....	3,200.00
Total indebtedness of the Board.....	<u>\$6,250.29</u>

These figures admonish us in language that cannot be misunderstood that extraordinary sacrifices must be made on the part of the friends of our work, while every effort possible must be made to curtail the running expenses of the Board. It is our opinion that such a plan can be effected as will result in reducing our expenses at least \$1000 below what they have been during the past year.

It is with pleasure that we note the interest that has been manifested in the Board's work by the good women of Alabama. Early in the year the Corresponding Secretary held a conference with the Central Committee at Birmingham, in which this committee promised to put our State work on the list of objects to which they would contribute regularly. To this end special appeals have been sent out from the Central Committee. During the year just closed the Ladies' Missionary Societies of the State have contributed \$833.43 to the work of the Board.

During the early part of the year the Home Mission Board appropriated \$1000 to our work—\$500 unconditionally, and the other \$500 on the condition that the gifts to that Board from Alabama amounted to \$4,000 by the first of next May. This came to us at the time of our greatest need, and we would fall short of our obligations to the Home Board should we fail to make grateful mention of this contribution. The attention of the pastors throughout the State is called to the importance of making earnest efforts to comply with this condition.

### THE COLORED PEOPLE.

At the convention in Selma in 1895, a plan of co-operative work among the colored people was recommended by the Board and adopted by the convention. This work under the plan then inaugurated has been supported by the Home Mission Society of New York, the Home Mission Board of Atlanta, and the white and colored conventions of Alabama. The undertaking of this work was an experiment on the part of this convention. After a trial of two years, which is ample time to test its success, we are reluctantly driven to the conclusion that this work should be discontinued so far as it relates to our convention, provided that this does not interfere with any agreement made between our Secretary and the Secretary of the Home Mission Board and Home Mission Society. We are satisfied that the benefits received are not commensurate with the amount expended. This is all the more important when the embarrassing financial condition of the Board is taken into consideration.

### THE BOOK DEPARTMENT.

At a meeting of the Board in July of last year, a plan was submitted by the Corresponding Secretary to dispose of the book business. The plan was adopted and our stock of books, etc., was transferred to Brother J. B. Collier, he taking it on consignment, and receiving 10 per cent on the sales of the same. Much of the old stock is still on hand, with no flattering prospect of being disposed of for some time to come. While

this department is in better condition than last year, the Board does not consider it wise to continue the present management. We therefore suggest that the Board be instructed to close out the entire stock, by sale or donation, as early as practicable, and that this be done in such manner as to conserve the best interest of the Board. We see no other solution of this most perplexing problem.

The following are the names of the employes of the Board:

W. C. Bledsoe, Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.

J. B. Collier, Office Secretary.

A. E. Burns, Evangelist, North Alabama.

A. J. Preston, Evangelist, Southeast Alabama.

G. S. Anderson, Evangelist, East Alabama.

W. A. Parker, Evangelist, Southwest Alabama.

J. V. Dickinson, Evangelist, Birmingham District.

J. W. Sandlin, Evangelist, Northwest Alabama.

J. F. Savell, Missionary Pastor, Andalusia.

George M. Parker, Missionary Pastor, Andalusia.

W. J. Elliott, Missionary Pastor, Coxsada.

J. F. Gable, Missionary Pastor, South Montgomery.

W. S. Brown, Missionary Pastor, Florence.

J. E. Barnes, Missionary Pastor, Greensboro.

J. Hogan, Missionary, Birmingham Association.

J. F. Register, Missionary, Geneva Association.

J. L. Collins, Missionary, Sipsey Association.

W. T. Davis, Missionary Colporteur, Carey Association.

J. O. Bledsoe, Missionary Colporteur, Tallapoosa River Association.

J. T. Pollard, C. O. Booth, J. T. Pettijohn, Colored Evangelists.

These men have been in the employ of the Board for all or part of the year.

#### SUMMARY OF WORK.

Number of men employed.....	17
Days of service.....	3,536
Miles traveled.....	23,747
Sermons delivered.....	1,831
Addresses delivered.....	533
Churches constituted....	5
Persons baptized....	335
Sunday Schools organized.....	8
Ladies' Missionary Societies organized.....	4
Prayer meetings held.....	246
Number of churches visited.....	683
Subscriptions to denominational papers.....	322
Pages of tracts distributed....	40,000
Money collected for all missions by missionaries.....	\$4,449.17
Money collected for Orphanage....	228.81
Bibles given away.....	150

## SUGGESTIONS AS TO THE FUTURE POLICY OF THE BOARD.

On account of the financial depression of the country, and the present indebtedness of the Board, we recommend

1. That the services of Office Secretary be dispensed with, and that the duties of said office be committed to the Corresponding Secretary of the Board.

2. That the salary of the Corresponding Secretary be \$1500 for the coming year, with traveling expenses not to exceed \$300.

3. That the publication of the State Mission Journal be discontinued, and that the Board be instructed by the convention to try to make some arrangement looking to the securing of a State Mission Department in the columns of the Alabama Baptist. We have reason to believe that such an arrangement can be made as will be satisfactory to the constituency of this convention and the editor of the Alabama Baptist.

4. That the State Board of Missions discontinue the handling of Sunday School literature, and that the indebtedness of this Board to the Sunday School Board and the American Baptist Publication Society be settled as soon as possible and in the most feasible way, and, if necessary, the Board be authorized to execute papers for the same.

5. That institute work, if continued by this convention, be committed to another Board, and that all funds designated for this work be sent directly to the treasurer of such board.

6. That the Corresponding Secretary of the State Board of Missions be instructed not to receive funds for any other objects than those for which the Board was organized, and that he return all funds sent to him to the parties sending the same. This has reference to funds for the Orphanage, Ministerial Education, Howard College and the Judson Institute. This recommendation contemplates the simplifying of our book-keeping and thus making it less expensive.

7. That henceforth the work of this Board be mainly in the interest of missions, and that all other efforts be made subsidiary thereto.

If these suggestions are adopted, it will effect a saving to the Board of \$1000 during the year, which can be applied to the liquidation of our indebtedness.

The time of the following members of the Board expires with this session: Jonathan Haralson, W. B. Davidson, M. F. Brooks, J. P. Wood, S. A. Adams, N. C. Underwood, J. J. Taylor.

In submitting this report it is meet to call attention to the arduous duties that have burdened the mind and heart of our Corresponding Secretary during this most trying of all the years of the Board's existence. No man can appreciate this more readily than those who have been most intimately associated with him.

J. L. THOMPSON, President.

## STATE MISSIONS.

To amount received from all sources.....		\$9,815 73
By amount of Deficit last report.....	\$ 661 12	
Exchange.....	18 41	
Telegrams.....	5 65	
Postage.....	181 36	
Office expenses.....	399 88	
Traveling expenses Agents.....	304 48	
"        "        Board.....	106 63	
"        "        Secretary.....	332 21	
Printing and stationery.....	163 65	
Secretary.....	1,756 73	
Office secretary.....	826 55	
Mobile Association.....	226 45	
State Mission Journal.....	189 24	
Missionaries.....	5,617 26	
Institute work.....	25 00	
Central Committee.....	18 25	
South Montgomery Church.....	207 99	
Marshall Association.....	17 76	
New River Association.....	10 98	
Book department.....	190 00	
State Convention Minutes.....	25 68—	\$ 11,285 28
To debit balance.....		\$ 1,469 55

## HOME MISSIONS.

To balance on hand.....	\$ 31 53	
To receipts Home Missions.....	2,401 74	
Indian Missions.....	1 00	
Frontier Missions.....	10 00—	\$ 2,444 27
By amount paid Rev. I. T. Tichenor.....		2,232 01
By balance on hand.....		\$ 212 26

## GREENSBORO HOUSE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 711 04	
receipts.....	262 92—	\$ 973 96
By amount paid.....		100 00
To balance on hand.....		\$ 873 96

## FOREIGN MISSIONS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 169 09	
To collections for Foreign Missions.....	2,957 09	
Brazil.....	5 00	
Miss Kelly.....	227 49	
Birmingham Missionary.....	286 69	

China.....	144 94	
Africa.....	8 15	
Foreign Mission debt.....	52 73	
Native Chinese Bible Women.....	30 00	
Mexican girl.....	36 00	
Sunbeams Missionary.....	5 00	
Japan.....	7 10—\$	3,929 2
By amount paid R. J. Willingham...		3,508 53
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By balance on hand.....	\$	420 75

## BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

To receipts.....	\$	161 32	
By amount paid.....		120 00—	
By amount on hand.....	\$		41 32

## MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	65 21	
receipts.....		637 38—\$	702 99
By amount paid.....			482 70
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By balance on hand.....	\$		220 29

## ORPHANS' HOME.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$	7 10	
receipts.....		495 95—\$	503 05
By amount paid Rev. J. W. Stewart.....			472 65
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By balance on hand.....	\$		30 40

## CHILDREN'S DAY.

To amount on hand last report.....	\$	7 04	
receipts.....		17 83—\$	25 47
By amount paid.....			25 47

## INSTITUTE WORK.

To amount on hand last report.....	\$	148 44—	
By amount paid.....	\$		148 44

## CHURCH BUILDING.

To amount on hand last report.....	\$	30 81	
receipts.....		25 25—\$	56 06
By amount paid.....			52 31
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By balance on hand.....	\$		3 75

## COLLEGE BUILDING.

By balance on hand last report.....	\$	9 40—	
By balance on hand.....	\$		9 40

## HOWARD COLLEGE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 19 15	
receipts.....	82 54 —	\$ 101 69
By amount paid.....		101 69

## EVANG. COLORED PEOPLE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 5 00	
receipts.....	5 00 —	\$ 10 00
By balance on hand.....	\$	10 00

## AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 398 28	
receipts.....	40 86 —	\$ 539 14
By amount paid.....		236 59
By balance on hand.....	\$	302 55

## MARSHALL ASSOCIATION.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 17 51	
receipts.....	25 —	\$ 17 76
By amount paid.....		17 76

## JUDSON INSTITUTE.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 50	
receipts.....	5 24 —	\$ 5 74
By amount paid.....		4 49
By balance on hand.....	\$	1 25

## ORPHANS' BUILDING.

To balance on hand last report.....	\$ 2 10 —	
By balance on hand.....	\$	2 10

## NEW RIVER ASSOCIATION.

To receipts.....	\$ 10 98 —	
By amount paid.....	\$	10 98

## STATE CONVENTION.

To cash received from Book Concern.....	\$ 20 00 —	
By amount paid to W. A. Davis.....	\$	20 00

## WEAK CHURCHES.

To receipts.....	\$ 282 37	
By amount paid.....	272 37 —	
By balance on hand.....	\$	10 00

## FOREIGN MISSION JOURNAL.

To receipts.....	\$ 9 85	
By amount paid.....	8 35 —	
By balance on hand.....	\$	1 50



## HOME FIELD.

To receipts. ....	\$	10—	
By amount on hand.....		\$	10

## STATE MISSION JOURNAL.

To receipts.....	\$	172	02	
By disbursements.....		\$	336	41
debit last year.....			24	85
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		\$	361	26
To debit.....		189	24	

## RECAPITULATION.

State Missions.....	\$9,815	73	
Home Missions.....	2,412	76	
Bible and Colportage.....	161	32	
Ministerial Education.....	637	34	
Orphanage.....	495	95	
Foreign Missions.....	3,760	19	
Greensboro House.....	262	92	
Children's Day.....	17	83	
Church Building.....	25	25	
Howard College.....	82	54	
Evang. Colored People.....	5	00	
Aged and Infirm Ministers.....	40	86	
Marshall Association.....		25	
Judson Institute.....	5	24	
State Convention.....	20	00	
Weak Churches.....	282	37	
For Mission Journal.....	9	85	
Home Field.....		10	
State Mission Journal.....	172	02	
New River Association.....	10	98—	\$ 18,218 54
Montgomery, Ala., December 7, 1897.			

This is to certify that I have examined the accounts of W. C. Bledsoe, Secretary and Treasurer of the State Board of Missions, and find the same correct and supported by proper vouchers.

J. C. POPE,

Montgomery, Ala., Dec. 10, 1897.

Auditor.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF BOOK DEPARTMENT.

J. B. COLLIER, AGENT.

To cash on hand last report.....	\$	155	85	
received on account sales of books.....		110	08	
S. S. Literature.....		2,050	46	
from collections book account.....		236	20	
Literature.....		737	37	
Mission Department.....		190	00—	\$ 3,479 96

## CR.

By amount paid B. S. S. Board.....	\$1,765 60
A. B. Pub. Society.....	727 18
Sundry accounts.....	80 93
Expenses.....	164 80
Merchandise.....	287 91
Discount on books.....	56 00
Donation account.....	27 81
J. B. Collier, Agent.....	135 21
Cash on hand.....	234 52—\$ 3,479 96

## INDEBTEDNESS.

To amount due B. S. S. Board.....	\$1,061 81
A. B. P. Society.....	415 12
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	\$1,476 93

Respectfully submitted, J. B. COLLIER, Agent.  
December 13, 1897.

The fifth recommendation in the report, regarding Institute Work, was referred to a committee, consisting of J. Shackelford, L. M. Bradley, J. G. Lowrey, J. A. Jenkins, W. J. D. Upshaw, J. W. Willis and J. H. Curry; and the remainder of the report was referred to H. S. D. Mallory, N. C. Underwood, J. B. Graham, W. R. Ivey, J. S. Watts, J. H. McGuire and P. H. Mell.

10. P. T. Hale, President of Board of Trustees, read

## REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

To the Alabama Baptist State Convention—Greeting:

Dear Brethren: We are thankful to be able to report the prosperous and hopeful condition of your beloved institution located here at East Lake. At your last annual meeting in Huntsville the fate of the college, which has been of so great blessing to our cause and to the intellectual progress generally of our State, was uncertain and in suspense. It seemed at one time that the institution would be sold for debt. It was a slow and difficult matter to raise money sufficient to reduce the indebtedness to a point at which your Trustees felt the institution would be safe. Suit was brought in the United States Court to foreclose the mortgage of some \$38,500, held by the Philadelphia creditors. Rather than have the property thrown upon their hands, however, the mortgagees proposed to the Trustees that if they would pay \$10,000 cash and pay the fees of their agents, they would rebond for \$20,000 for five years at 5 per cent interest. This proposition was accepted.

The Board employed Rev. M. M. Wood as Financial Secretary. Brother Wood has labored faithfully and accomplished a good and much needed work. He has visited many associations and churches, solicited

students, collected notes which were due and attended diligently to all matters committed to his hands.

Hon. W. C. Ward, who for so long has served on this board, and to whom the Baptists of Alabama will always be deeply indebted, on account of pressing duties, presents his resignation as a member of the Board of Trustees.

At the close of the session in last June, Prof. A. D. Smith having formed other business connections when it seemed the college would inevitably have to go to the block, and declining re-election, Prof. F. M. Roof was elected chairman of the faculty. The scholarship, educational enthusiasm, industry and devotedness to his chosen profession were never doubted; but the friends of the institution did not know as to his executive and administrative gifts. But it gives us pleasure to state that the affairs of the college were never in better shape financially and otherwise, and that all salaries to the present month have been promptly met in full.

At the full meeting of the Board last June, Prof. Edwin H. Foster, then teaching English with great prestige in Waco, Tex., was elected to the Chair of English, which he is filling with signal ability.

Prof. Edgar P. Hogan, one of our own graduates of recent years, was elected to the Chair of Natural Sciences, in which he is giving the most eminent satisfaction. In addition, he is also Commandant of the Cadet Corps.

The present session of Howard College opened September 21, and will close June 8.

The recent smallpox and yellow fever epidemics naturally reduced the attendance for the first term; yet, in the face of all this, the College has enrolled up to this time 131 students, just one less than the number enrolled for the same period last year; and there are bright prospects for a largely increased attendance after Christmas.

#### MINISTERIAL STUDENTS.

Of the 32 ministerial students on the College roster, 22 are actively engaged in preaching, 11 regularly and 11 occasionally. Many places of destitution are supplied with the preaching of the Word by them.

#### GENERAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Since the opening of the present session, a bath room has been fitted up and amply provided with hot and cold baths for the students; the water supply has been improved in quality, quantity and pressure by extending the main and digging a reservoir at a point where a lasting spring of pure water issues from the mountain side. A gymnasium fund has been started, and now amounts to about \$150, and if the friends of the College can be interested in this matter we shall soon have a first-class gymnasium. The campus also has been improved.

## IMPROVEMENTS IN THE COURSE OF STUDY.

Several improvements have been made in the course of study. Botany has been added to the department of Natural Sciences; the course in English is comprehensive, progressive and interesting; the French and German courses have each been extended to two years; the course in Ancient Languages is one of the best in the South; several new and improved text-books have supplanted the old editions in the department of Mathematics; the department of Philosophy has been extended to a two years' course, and includes Psychology, Neurology, Ethics, Pedagogy and Evidences of Christianity.

The students are interested, and are doing excellent work in all departments.

The chairman of the faculty is making strenuous efforts to establish a department of Civil and Mechanical Engineering at the beginning of the second term, but is hampered by lack of funds. He thinks a well-equipped professor for the department can be secured for the second half of the present year for about \$600, and that after this year the department will be more than self-supporting by reason of the additional students it will attract to the College. We should rejoice if this convention devise some means by which the necessary amount can be contributed, that the department may be established.

The entire floating indebtedness of the College for the erection of the dormitories, heater, etc., is \$13,612. So that the entire debt is \$33,612. This, against the floating rumors that the entire debt was over twice this amount; and against this \$13,000 of floating indebtedness we have notes now in our possession given by brethren. These notes were formerly hypothecated to the Philadelphia Trust Company, but upon the satisfactory settlement and readjustment of the bonded indebtedness, as the trustees stipulated they were returned to us. As now the entire amount of these notes will go to the College, we earnestly recommend, where it can be done, that these notes be paid.

At as early a date as possible the institution should be relieved of debt, and steps taken looking to adequately endowing the College.

The Board of Trustees would recommend that every Baptist church in Alabama be, and is, urged by the Alabama Baptist State Convention to appoint at once a committee of five, to be known as the Howard College Committee, the duties of which committee shall be to assist the College faculty in securing students, and in such other ways as may seem helpful, the name of the chairman of said committee to be sent to the college.

The trustees of Howard College offer to the Baptist High Schools and Institutes of Alabama the following

## PLAN OF AFFILIATION.

1. That these schools adopt the curriculum of study of Howard College,

using the same text-books as far as their course extends, and that the presidents and principals of these schools will use their influence to send pupils to the Howard after they have finished their course in these schools.

2. That Howard College agrees to receive any student of these schools into its classes upon a certificate of the president or principal of the school from whence he comes as to his advancement without examination.

3. That the president or principal of the school (or proper authorities) wishing to affiliate with Howard College in the manner stated, notify the president of Howard College of his acceptance of this plan, and when so notified, such school shall be placed upon the roll as one of the affiliated schools of Howard College. This plan of affiliation will also apply to all other preparatory and high schools, not Baptist, in the State that may wish to thus affiliate with Howard College.

In behalf of the Board,

P. T. HALE.

President Board of Trustees.

(For additional data regarding assets see item 39.)

11. W. A. Hobson, President of Board of Ministerial Education, read

#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The Board of Ministerial Education, in submitting this their first report, might recite the difficulties by which they have been confronted during a year of unusual calamities, in which all of our denominational interests have suffered, but these are facts familiar, as well as painful, to us all.

#### THE MINISTERIAL STUDENTS IN HOWARD COLLEGE.

1. **THOSE OF LAST SESSION.**—There were thirty ministerial students at Howard College last session. Nine of these were self-supporting, ten paid a part of their expenses, while eleven were entirely dependent upon denominational support. There were five married students last session.

2. **THE PRESENT SESSION.**—We have thirty-two ministerial students this session, with the prospect of more the second term. Fourteen of these are self-supporting, five are paying part of their expenses, and thirteen are asking for full support. Nine are in the Freshman class, six in the Sophomore, seven in the Junior, seven in the Senior and three in the preparatory. There are six married students this session. Quite a number of the students are actively engaged in preaching. They preach on an average about eight hundred sermons during the session. At present eleven are preaching regularly, and eleven occasionally.

Last session there were eight students in the Seminary from Alabama; this session there are twelve.

## REQUISITES TO ENTERING HOWARD COLLEGE AS A BENEFICIARY OF THE BOARD.

1. **MORAL.**—In addition to being a member in good standing of a Missionary Baptist Church, the beneficiary must bring the endorsement of his church, expressing their belief that he is called of God to preach the gospel.

2. **FINANCIAL.**—The object of the Board is to help only those who need help; therefore it refuses to contribute anything to a student who has resources of his own. The Board very earnestly asks that the church and Association giving endorsement of a brother, signify, at the same time, their purpose to render him financial aid to the extent of his necessities or their ability.

3. **EDUCATIONAL.**—The Board at its last session decided to require all beneficiaries, hereafter, to be prepared for the Freshman class before entering Howard College.

### REMARKS.

The Board of Ministerial Education requests the convention to appoint a committee to confer with them, and as many of the Board of Trustees of Howard College as may be in attendance upon the convention, looking to a wise and definite financial policy, the same to be reported at this session of the convention, and if approved by the convention, be made a part of this report.

Fraternally,

W. A. HOBSON, President.

C. C. Jones, Treasurer, in account with the State Board of Ministerial Education—

### GENERAL FUND.

	Dr.
1896.	
November 23. From Harmony Grove church....	\$ 2.30
December 20. From Harpersville church....	5.25
December 18. From Blocton church.....	4.50
October 29. From Frank Pope pr A. D. S.....	5.00
1897.	
January 19. From Shelby church.....	5.00
January 30. From State Board of Missions.....	129.23
February 4. From Dadeville church.....	8.05
February 4. From Camp Hill church.....	5.00
February 4. From Columbiana church.....	4.25
February 4. From Castleberry church....	5.00
February 4. From Castleberry Sunday School.....	.43
February 9. From Columbia church.....	8.00
February 10. From First church, Pratt City.....	18.14
February 11. From Six Mile church.....	5.00
February 15. From Woodlawn church.....	9.00

February 20. From Wilsonville church.....	3.10
February 20. From Ashville church.....	10.00
February 25. From Childersburg, L. A. S.....	5.00
March 3. From State Board of Missions.....	22.75
March 8. From Brookside church.....	.65
March 9. From Brewton church.....	4.42
March 11. From Clayton church.....	11.90
March 15. From Woodlawn, L. A. S.....	5.00
March 22. From Alpine church.....	2.27
March 22. From Evergreen church.....	5.20
March 22. From Mrs. John T. Davis.....	20.00
March 28. From First church, Troy.....	28.16
April 5. From Trussville church.....	4.50
April 12. From Cropwell church.....	5.00
April 16. From Evergreen church.....	8.10
April 15. From Roanoke church.....	10.00
April 15. From Woodlawn, L. A. S.....	5.00
April 15. From W. Y. Browning's churches.....	2.50
April 28. From Montevallo church.....	8.05
April 28. From Columbia church.....	20.00
May 3. From Oxford, L. A. S.....	2.00
May 21. From Irondale church.....	1.00
May 25. From Collinsville church.....	2.47
May 25. From Mt. Zion church.....	1.17
May 25. From St. Francis St. church, Mobile.....	100.00
May 25. From Tuscaloosa church.....	20.00
May 16. From Indian Springs church.....	1.06
May 16. From Midway church.....	1.95
May 16. From Mt. Pleasant church.....	3.25
June 10. From Castleberry church and Sunday school.....	3.89
June 10. From Emanuel church.....	4.40
June 8. From Friendship church.....	12.00
June 7. From Midway church.....	6.00
June 7. From Sunbeams Midway.....	7.75
May 27. From S. O. Y. Ray.....	2.65
June 12. From Hamilton Hill church.....	2.50
June 12. From Pineville church.....	2.50
July 9. From State Board of Missions.....	17.78
July 12. From Ruhama church.....	28.98
August 2. From New Providence church.....	4.50
August 2. From Midway church.....	1.30
August 2. From Mount Pleasant church.....	1.50
August 2. From Indian Springs church.....	3.71

August 20. From Pleasant Hill church.....	5.00
September 11. From Evergreen church.....	2.15
September 14. From State Board of Missions.....	50.00
September 10. From Dolomite church....	12.35
September 29. From Pine Barren Association.....	13.85
September 29. From First church, Pratt City.....	25.00
October 7. From Evergreen church....	2.10
October 9. From Calhoun County Association....	2.35
October 9. From Coosa River Association.....	14.50
October 12. From Wilsonville church....	5.00
July 23. From Troy church.....	5.00
July 10. From Georgiana Church.....	10.00
July 12. From Columbiana church.....	8.00
July 26. From Dadeville church....	5.00
July 26. From Camp Hill Church....	5.00
August —. From First church, Pratt City.....	12.82
October —. From New Prospect church.....	5.00
October —. From Woodstock church.....	1.54
October —. From Rocky Ridge church.....	.59
September 30. From Dadeville Church.....	3.15
October 4. From Newberne church.....	5.25
September 14. From Newberne church.....	3.00
October 1. From Third church, Birmingham.....	5.00
October 1. From McIlwain church.....	5.00
October 1. From J. D. Martin's churches.....	5.00
October 1. From Davis.....	25.00
October 1. From Tallasseehatchie church.....	1.25
October 1. From Alpine church.....	1.00
October 1. From Winterboro church....	.25
May 1. From Carter..	.50

November 30—Total receipts.....\$865.76

1897.

	Cr.
January 16. Paid for books and receipts.....	\$ .75
January 18. Paid for stamps and envelopes.....	1.25
February 2. Paid A. D. Smith.....	100.00
February 4. Paid Exchange.....	.13
February 4. Paid A. D. Smith.....	50.00
February 20. Paid A. D. Smith.....	50.00
February 20. Paid for printed matter.....	3.00
January 16. Paid Exchange.....	.10
February 20. Paid J. E. Barnard.....	5.00
March 3. Paid A. D. Smith.....	40.00
March 9. Paid J. R. Wells.....	.65



March 19. Paid A. D. Smith.....	20.00
March 22. Paid A. D. Smith.....	15.00
March 30. Paid A. D. Smith.....	28.16
March 30. Paid Exchange.....	.10
March 26. Paid J. R. Wells.....	10.00
April 16. Paid Exchange.....	.10
April 16. Paid A. D. Smith.....	37.76
April 28. Paid A. D. Smith.....	8.05
April 28. Paid J. E. Creel.....	5.00
April 28. Paid A. D. Smith.....	15.00
May 15. Paid for stamped envelopes.....	1.50
May 6. Paid Exchange.....	.10
May 28. Paid J. E. Creel.....	5.00
May 26. Paid A. D. Smith.....	20.00
May 25. Paid A. D. Smith.....	100.00
June 10. Paid A. D. Smith (O'Hara).....	20.00
July 9. Paid A. D. Smith.....	17.78
July 8. Paid A. D. Smith.....	12.25
July 12. Paid A. D. Smith.....	28.98
August 2. Paid Exchange.....	.12
August 6. Paid A. D. Smith.....	33.40
August 24. Paid A. D. Smith.....	5.00
September 16. Paid A. D. Smith.....	65.00
July —. Paid traveling expenses W. A. H.....	4.50
September 1. Paid stationery and blanks.....	5.00
October 20. Paid W. A. Hobson, stamps to date.....	2.11
October 30. Paid F. M. Roof.....	150.00
Total disbursements....	<u>\$860.97</u>

## SPECIAL FUNDS.

1897.

	Dr.
January 16. From Cuba church for J. R. Curry.....	\$ 2.77
January 16. From Clinton church for J. R. Curry.....	3.43
January 16. From Prairie church for J. D. Ray.....	2.05
February 8. From Avondale church for J. E. Barnard.....	7.50
Feb. 12. From First church, Huntsville, for W. H. Pettus....	5.25
March 3. From First church, Selma L. A. S., for J. E. Green,	50.00
March 6. From Bessemer church for J. R. Wells.....	1.80
March 8. From Bessemer church, for J. H. O'Hara.....	4.05
March 13. From Hamilton Hill church for H. T. Crumpton...	3.00
March 13. From Pineville church for H. T. Crumpton.....	2.60
March 8. From Emanuel church, donation.....	2.63
March 15. From Bessemer church for J. W. O'Hara.....	4.76

March 19. From First church, Huntsville, for W. H. Pettus..	7.63
March 19. From Dallas Avenue church for W. H. Pettus....	5.00
March 19. From Liberty Association for W. H. Pettus.....	6.25
March 22. From Dolomite church for W. J. Ray.....	15.00
March 28. From Waterboro church, donation.....	1.65
April 7. From Orrville church for F. Averytt.....	15.60
May 19. From Parker Memorial church for W. A. McCain....	58.90
June 10. From Mt. Carmel church for J. A. Jenkins.....	3.00
June 29. From Epps church for J. R. Curry.....	2.25
July 9. From Union Association church for J. D. Ray.....	10.00
July 9. From First church, Huntsville, for W. H. Pettus....	5.93
September 30. From Union Association for J. D. Ray.....	10.50
June 22. From Hamilton Hill church for H. T. Crumpton....	2.50
June 22. From Pineville church for H. T. Crumpton.....	2.50
October 5. From Eden church for W. R. Hood.....	.60
October 23. From Blossburg church for H. Fancher.....	2.00
October 16. From Yellow Creek Association, beneficiary....	8.07
August 16. From Shelby Association, beneficiary.....	4.50
October 1. From R. E. Pettus for W. H. Pettus.....	37.22
September 28. From Bethlehem Association for C. Locke....	28.00
November 29. From Union Association for J. D. Ray.....	7.50
Total receipts.....	<u>\$324.44</u>

## SPECIAL FUNDS.

1897.

	Cr.
February 1. Paid A. D. Smith for J. R. Curry.....	\$ 6.20
February 1. Paid A. D. Smith for J. D. Ray.....	2.05
February 12. Paid A. D. Smith for W. H. Pettus.....	5.25
March 3. Paid A. D. Smith for J. E. Green.....	50.00
March 8. Paid J. W. O'Hara.....	4.05
March 9. Paid J. R. Wells.....	1.80
March 13. Paid H. T. Crumpton.....	5.60
March 15. Paid J. W. O'Hara.....	4.76
March 19. Paid A. D. Smith for W. H. Pettus.....	18.88
March 22. Paid A. D. Smith for W. J. Ray.....	15.00
April 7. Paid A. D. Smith for F. Averytt.....	15.60
April 16. Paid for stamps and envelopes.....	1.00
April 16. Paid A. D. Smith.....	2.24
May 19. Paid A. D. Smith for W. A. McCain.....	58.90
July 9. Paid A. D. Smith, J. D. Ray and Pettus.....	15.93
September 30. Paid A. D. Smith for J. D. Ray.....	10.50
June 22. Paid A. D. Smith for H. T. Crumpton.....	5.00
July 9. Paid A. D. Smith for Jenkins and Curry.....	5.25

October 23. Paid H. Fancher.....	2.00
October 16. Paid for postage, envelopes, etc.....	1.00
October 30. Paid F. M. Roof for C. Locke and Pettus.....	65.22
November 30. Paid F. M. Roof for J. D. Ray.....	7.50
February 8. Paid J. E. Barnard.....	7.50
Total disbursements.....	<u>\$311.23</u>

The recommendation on the subject of a Financial Plan was referred to R. M. Hunter, P. B. Brown, W. J. Boykin, C. W. O'Hara, S. M. Adams, A. J. Dickinson and F. M. Roof.

12. J. B. Lovelace, President of Board of Trustees,

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE JUDSON INSTITUTE.

The fifty-ninth annual session of the Judson ended June 4, 1897. The Trustees and the denomination throughout the State have much cause for rejoicing and gratitude over the prosperous year, and the most encouraging outlook for the future.

During the session 133 pupils were enrolled, of whom 90 were boarders. Fourteen teachers, representing all the departments of a finished education, were employed. Two officers of the Home Department, with the President, had the oversight of the home life of the boarders.

It is fitting in the beginning of this report that we make mention of the signal blessing of God upon the institution. The work done in all departments was of a high grade and exceedingly gratifying, and during the session a deep religious influence pervaded the school, and the reputation of the Judson in the education and development of Christian womanhood was sustained to an unusual degree.

The President, Rev. Robert G. Patrick, D. D., has proved himself in every respect the right man in the right place. More than the usual number of problems have presented themselves during the past year, but his consecrated tact and wisdom enabled him to solve successfully all of them, and everything is moving along smoothly under his administration, with the prospects for the future brighter than they have been for many years.

#### THE DEBT PAID.

It is with profound gratitude that we report the interest bearing bonded indebtedness all cancelled. This was made possible by the generosity of Brother J. C. Bush of Mobile, who agreed to furnish \$8000 (\$4000 of which was a gift in the name of his wife, one of the Judson's most accomplished and devoted graduates, and \$4000 as a loan without interest) on condition that the whole debt be paid in a specified time. President Patrick immediately took the field and called upon the Baptists of the State for help, who responded nobly and promptly. We make mention also of the liberality of the bondholders, who met us in the

spirit of equity, and generously conceded a portion of the debt,, and of the services without remuneration of Drs. George B. Eager and A. J. Dickinson and other brethren, who nobly seconded the efforts of the President.

It is our pleasure to report that by the excellent business management of Dr. Patrick the floating debt has also been about liquidated.

#### BETTER FACILITIES.

One result of the lifting of the debt was that the Judson was enabled immediately to furnish better facilities. The property, which has necessarily been neglected for several years, was repaired and put in first-class condition, and some improvements were made. New carpets were bought for all the sleeping rooms and new table ware for the Dining Department. In addition quite a number of new high grade pianos have been added to the music department. The Library has also shared in the general good fortune, and a number of new books have been bought. But there is great need of some friend or friends who will furnish the means for making other needed additions to the already excellent Library.

#### INCREASED NUMBER OF PUPILS.

These increased facilities have had their weight in increasing the number of pupils. Already there have been enrolled 150 pupils, of whom 110 are boarding pupils, a number greater than for several years past, and others are expected soon. But for the yellow fever epidemic, which shut out the Mississippi, Louisiana and some of the Alabama patronage, the Judson would have been taxed to accommodate all who would probably have come. As it is, it is cause for gratitude that the institution has such a large boarding patronage, greater, perhaps, than that of any other female school in the State, which charges a reasonable rate for tuition and board, and that all sections of Alabama are so generally represented.

#### INCREASED TEACHING FORCE.

The large attendance has compelled the Trustees to make additions to the already large and excellent faculty. Especially full was the music department, necessitating another teacher for the voice and piano. We believe there are very few places that offer so many and so great advantages as the Judson does just now. It is especially gratifying to note the high order of work done and the never failing devotion of the pupils to the Judson. A slight evidence of this was the presentation recently by the history class of 48 volumes of history to the Library. Indeed, the success of our school is due, to a great extent, to the devotion of those who are or have been her pupils.

At present the pupils and Alumnae are endeavoring to raise \$5000 to be known as the Averett Memorial Fund, in memory of the late beloved President, S. W. Averett, the interest of which is to be used to educate

poor and worthy girls. They have already met with a gratifying measure of success, having on hand or in pledges about one thousand dollars, and we commend this movement to the sympathy and support of our brethren.

#### HEALTH GOOD.

We are pleased to report the health of the school good. In the beginning of this session there were five cases of sickness—all contracted elsewhere—but we are glad to report that the pupils of the school are at present all well.

#### OUR BAPTIST SCHOOL.

We would call attention to the fact that this is our Baptist school for girls and young women, and deserves the hearty support of every Baptist in the State. It is pre-eminently a Christian school; the Bible is taught regularly and systematically by the pastor of the Siloam church, Rev. Paul V. Bomar, and the aim is that every pupil who goes out from the Judson shall be a cultivated Christian woman.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. LOVELACE, President Board Trustees.

T. T. DAUGHDRILL, Secretary.

### 13. John W. Stewart, Financial Secretary, read

#### REPORT OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF ORPHANS' HOME.

Our last report embraced the operations of the "Home" up to the 1st of November, 1896, and the present report covers our work from that time until the 1st of December, 1897, making the period of time thirteen instead of twelve months. Since our last report we have received five (5) boys and eight (8) girls, making a total of thirteen.

Since the "Home" was established we have received into it 35 boys and 39 girls, and have let out by apprenticeship 2 boys, returned to their people 5 boys and 4 girls, let out by adoption 10 boys and 12 girls, and we now have in the home 18 boys and 23 girls.

These children come from 19 counties, as follows: Barbour 2, Butler 3, Conecuh 2, Escambia 11, Lee 3, Marengo 4, Montgomery 2, Bibb 2, Chambers 1, Covington 8, Jefferson 8, Limestone 1, Monroe 4, Pike 2, Russell 1, Talladega 8, Tallapoosa 2, Tuskaloosa 3, Walker 6.

The internal management as indicated in our last report is still pursued. Our effort is to cultivate the refinement and mutual love of a well regulated Christian home, to inspire a spirit of mutual helpfulness and self-reliance, as a basis upon which to build true character. With this end in view the boys are required to do farm work, look after the stock and such other heavy work as may be unsuitable for the girls. The girls are required to look after the housework, cooking, mending and such other duties as come properly within their sphere. With very little outside help the boys have made this year a good crop of corn and hay, and

will kill about 1500 pounds of pork. Besides this, they have raised a fine lot of poultry, and sufficient vegetables for the use of the "Home."

The children are all in school, the small ones being taught in the "Home" by one of the larger girls under the direction of the matron. The larger children are sent to the public school, where tuition is free, the matriculation and incidental fees being from \$5 to \$10 per annum for each pupil.

All the children are required to attend Church and Sunday School. The health of the children has been excellent for the past year.

We are making some much needed improvements, which, when finished, will give us eleven additional rooms, and add much to the comfort of the old rooms. We have endeavored to make these improvements as we felt able, and to avoid going in debt beyond our ability to pay when due. We are now in great need of funds to enable us to finish up the work in progress, as well as to meet our daily expenses for such food as we have to buy.

Since our last report we received \$800 through the bequest of the late Amos Chapman, a former citizen of Michigan, but a citizen of Coney Island county at the time of his death. Mr. Chapman was a noble-hearted man, who was impressed with the work of our "Home" and its needs, and though not a member of any church, was a believer in that practical religion which manifests itself in good works.

His bequest was of some lands situated in Baldwin county, to some of which the title was involved, and his relatives in the North began a contest of his will as against our bequest. After looking into the matter we concluded to accept a compromise of \$800 rather than become involved in a long litigation. With this money we were enabled to do much of the needed improvements on our buildings. It is our purpose to finish up the work by the 10th of next March, and be free from debt, when we wish to dedicate the "Home." We appeal to our noble hearted brethren and sisters to help us to accomplish this, the great desire of our hearts.

We are profoundly grateful to God for His wonderful goodness and overruling providence, and to all those who have aided us from time to time in the prosecution of this labor of love.

Respectfully submitted,

G. R. FARNHAM, President Board of Trustees.

J. W. STEWART, FINANCIAL SECRETARY, IN ACCOUNT WITH  
LOUISE SHORT BAPTIST WIDOWS AND ORPHANS'  
HOME OF ALABAMA.

Nov. 1, 1896, to balance.....	\$ 150.43
Dec. 1, 1897, to amt. received from gen'l contribution to December 1, 1897.....	4,528.69
To cash of A. Chapman's estate.....	800.00—\$5,479.12

Cr.

Dec. 1, 1897, by cash paid curr't expenses to Dec. 1, '97. \$2,607.21

Dec. 1, 1897, by cash paid improvements to Dec. 1, '97.. 2,815.02

By balance on hand..... 56.89—\$5,479.12

Dec. 1, 1897, balance brought down.....\$ 56.89

JNO. W. STEWART, Fin. Sec.

I have examined the above accounts and find them true and correct.

J. W. CROOK.

## 14. The Secretary of the Convention read

## REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

The Board of Directors held two sessions during the year. At a meeting held on October 19, on motion of A. J. Dickinson, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted, to-wit:

Whereas, The present excitement about yellow fever and the strict quarantine incident thereto, render it impracticable and inexpedient for the Alabama Baptist State Convention to meet on November 12, as hitherto appointed; and

Whereas, It is impossible as yet to fix upon any definite date when the said quarantine will be raised in the State; therefore

Resolved, by the Board of Directors of the Alabama Baptist State Convention, That the said meeting of the convention be and is hereby postponed until such date as may hereafter be fixed by this Board.

2. That the Secretary convey this action of this Board to the Baptist Church at East Lake, Ala., and publish the same in the Alabama Baptist and other newspapers.

At a subsequent meeting held on November 14 it was

Resolved, That the Alabama Baptist State Convention, heretofore postponed on account of the prevalence of yellow fever in this State, be held with the Baptist Church at East Lake, Ala., commencing on Wednesday, December 15, 1897, at 10 o'clock a. m.

H. S. D. Mallory was chairman pro tem. and T. M. Johnson secretary pro tem. of both meetings.

## 15. The Secretary of the Convention read

## REPORT OF TREASURER.

*Dear Brethren:*

Below I beg to hand you my annual report as your Treasurer:

E. F. ENSLEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOWARD COLLEGE  
BUILDING FUND.

1897.

*Dr.*

Apr. 13. To amount received from B. D. Gray and P. T. Hale,

sundry collections.....\$10,185 48

1897.

*Cr.*

Apr. 17.	By amount paid to Union Trust Co, on account of bonded Debt.....	\$10,000 00	
	By exchange on remittance.....	15 00	
	By amount paid Jefferson County Savings Bank on note.....	170 48	
			<u>\$10,185 48</u>

E. F. ENSLEN, TREASURER, IN ACCOUNT WITH HOWARD COLLEGE  
ENDOWMENT FUND.

1896.

*Dr.*

Oct. 13.	To balance.....	\$ 399 36	
Nov. 16.	To interest collected...	40 00	
1897.			
May 8.	To interest collected.....	40 00	
July 28.	To principal collected.....	220 00	
Nov. 3.	To interest collected.....	16 00—\$	715 36

1896.

*Cr.*

	By amount paid for Catalogues.....	\$ 80 00	
	“ real estate loan.....	500 00	
	“ paid for catalogues.....	47 00	
Dec. 16.	By balance.....	88 36—\$	715 36
Dec. 16.	Balance.....		<u>\$ 88 36</u>

Of the above fund there is loaned at this time, as per instructions of the Board, the sum of \$1,300.00, on real estate, first mortgage, at 8 per cent., semi-annual interest.

Very respectfully,

E. F. ENSLEN, *Treasurer.*

16. On motion of L. O. Dawson, all resolutions concerning “The Whitsitt Matter” were referred to a committee, consisting of L. O. Dawson, J. Shackelford, B. D. Gray, R. A. J. Cumbee, W. D. Hubbard, N. C. Underwood and J. H. Foster, Jr.

17. A communication from the American Anti-Saloon League was referred to the committee on Temperance.

18. John R. Sampey addressed the Convention regarding the work of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

19. M. M. Wood, Statistical Secretary, submitted a verbal report.



20. Committees to report at this session were appointed as follows :

*Collections*—J. B. Graham, R. E. Pettus, S. O. Y. Ray.

*Nominations*—A. J. Preston, Geo. E. Brewer, L. M. Bradley, R. A. J. Cumbee, N. B. Williams, J. G. Harris, J. V. Dickinson, J. C. Orr.

*Time and Place*—A. E. Burns, J. M. McCord, A. F. Dix, J. G. Lowrey, J. W. Abercrombie.

21. The following, offered by H. S. D. Mallory, was adopted:

#### REPORT ON WHITTLE STOCK.

We, your committee to whom was referred, with power to act, the matter of the transfer to Brother W. A. Whittle the five shares of stock in the Baptist Book Concern, Louisville, Ky., transferred to this convention by Dr. Sampey, beg leave to report that after careful investigation it was ascertained that there was due to Brother Whittle, for his services in canvassing for the endowment of Howard College, as much, if not more, than the value of said stock.

We also had written requests for the transfer from the Board of Trustees of Howard College and from Dr. Sampey. We therefore, in May last, through the President of this convention, transferred the same to Brother Whittle and took his receipt in full satisfaction of his claim.

Faternally submitted,

W. C. CLEVELAND,

H. S. D. MALLORY.

22. A statement regarding the Greensboro Church was made by W. B. Crumpton, and a committee consisting of H. S. D. Mallory, A. J. Dickinson and W. C. Bledsoe was appointed to consider and submit a recommendation on the subject. (Item 27).

23. H. S. D. Mallory, from the committee, submitted

#### REPORT ON STATE BOARD'S REPORT.

We, your committee to whom was referred all of the report of the State Board of Missions, except recommendation 5 on institute work therein, beg leave to submit the following amendments and additions:

1. In regard to the matter of \$3200 referred to in said report as an indebtedness to the Greensboro Church, it is the sense of this convention as a body corporate to recognize this indebtedness as a moral obligation upon the Baptists of Alabama, but to assume no legal liability whatever relative to the same. The Baptists of the State are urged to contribute to the authorized representatives of the Greensboro church that this obligation of thirty years' standing may be discharged and Baptist influence strongly established in this important community.

2. In recommendation 6 the third and fourth lines shall have the following clause stricken out: "And that he return all funds sent to him to the parties sending the same." Immediately after Judson Institute in next to the last line of section 6 insert—"all of which funds should be sent directly to the Boards of the respective interests named."

3. That as suggestion 8 of said report, the following be inserted: "The Board is instructed to print and circulate as soon as possible a circular letter explaining what funds are to be sent to the State Board of Missions and where funds for other interests fostered by us shall be sent."

With the above amendments and suggestions your committee advises the adoption of the recommendations in the report.

H. S. D. MALLORY, Chairman.

J. B. GRAHAM, Secretary.

The general work of the State Board of Missions was discussed by J. L. Thompson and W. C. Bledsoe, and Evangelistic Work by A. E. Burns and A. J. Preston. (See item 24).

24. J. Shackelford presented

#### REPORT ON INSTITUTE WORK.

Your committee to whom was referred that part of the report of the State Board of Missions recommending the appointment by this convention of a new board to whom shall be committed the ministerial "Institute Work," which has heretofore been under the care of that board, beg leave to report as follows:

1. We approve of the recommendation of the State Board of Missions and recommend that a board on ministerial institute work be appointed by this convention.

2. We recommend that this board have charge of the institute work in the State and that it have full power to prosecute said work and adopt such plans as may in their judgment seem wise and prudent, and which will not interfere with the other work of this convention, by which our ministry may be benefited and the cause of Christ advanced.

3. We recommend that said Board be located at Opelika and consist of seven brethren, to be appointed by this convention.

4. We recommend that the work committed to this Board be done without involving this convention in any debt whatever.

Respectfully Submitted,

BY THE COMMITTEE.

The report was adopted by 59 to 12, and then the recommendations of the State Board of Missions (item 9) as amended by this report and that in item 23 were adopted.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

25. The Convention Sermon was preached by A. B. Campbell, from the text "For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name."—Ps. 138:2.

26. W. D. Hubbard submitted

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

We find, on investigation, that there is a general awakening among the women of the South to the responsibility resting upon them to aid in advancing the Master's kingdom.

Increased activity and interest are manifested on every hand. The time has come when Baptist women are rising up on the right and on the left, and saying, "What shall I render unto the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" It is gratifying to note the permanent work that has been done by the Christian women of our State since the appointment of a State central committee eight years ago.

They are not only multiplying societies among themselves, to establish and strengthen the missionary conviction, but they are organizing societies among the children and young people as well. Twenty-nine new mission societies and bands have been formed during the past year. Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, we are happy to say, has returned to the State, and has taken charge of the Sunbeams, which makes the outlook for the children more promising.

During its existence the Woman's Missionary Union has achieved great results. In 1888, the first year of the Society, \$14,316 were raised for foreign missions, and \$6,723 were raised for home missions. Last year they raised for these two boards \$53,407. The last report shows the work among the women to be on the increase. They work in perfect harmony with the churches and as auxiliaries of the Southern Baptist convention.

Your committee cannot close this report without referring to the labors and death of Sister I. C. Brown. Several years ago the convention hailed with much satisfaction her appointment to the position of corresponding secretary. Her qualities of head and heart eminently fitted her for the position.

We cannot refrain from putting on record our entire satisfaction with her work, and our sorrow at losing her, together with the prayer that her mantle may fall upon the shoulders of her worthy daughter, who has been selected to fill the vacancy.

Let us thank God for this movement, for this aid which He has so graciously vouchsafed to us, and give them our earnest sympathy and co-operation. The Union earnestly pleads for a Christmas offering from every woman and child in the State to foreign missions.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ELLIOTT, Chairman.

After remarks by W. C. Bledsoe, J. W. Stewart, W. B. Crumpton, James Evans, J. C. Orr and J. R. Sampey, the report was adopted.

27. After its reading by H. S. D. Mallory the Convention adopted

#### REPORT ON GREENSBORO CHURCH.

Your committee, to whom was referred the matter of this convention's authorizing the gift or sale to the widow of our deceased Brother A. R. Hardy, former pastor at Greensboro, of a part of the church lot at Greensboro standing in the name of this convention, report that the information in the hands of this committee is not sufficient for definite final action at this session. They, therefore, recommend that the matter be referred to the Board of Directors of this convention, and that said Board be empowered to have deed made to said Mrs. Hardy, with or without valuable consideration, for such part of said lot as the Baptist church at Greensboro may request to be done, the deed to be signed by the president of this convention, for and in the name of the convention, conveying such title—and only such title—as this Alabama Baptist State Convention has in the same; provided, if, after due inquiry, said Board of Directors deem such action wise and proper.

H. S. D. MALLORY,

W. C. BLEDSOE,

A. J. DICKINSON,

Committee.

#### THURSDAY MORNING.

28. The report of the Board of Trustees of Howard College was discussed by P. T. Hale, A. F. Dix, J. R. Sampey, F. M. Roof, M. M. Wood, E. B. Teague, J. H. Phillips, W. C. Ward, and on motion of E. B. Teague, a committee consisting of E. B. Teague, N. C. Underwood and J. H. Foster, Jr., was appointed to appraise the assets of the College and report to the Convention or publish their valuation in the minutes of this session, and then the recommendations of the Trustees were adopted. (Items 10 and 29).

29. R. M. Hunter presented

#### REPORT ON FINANCIAL PLAN FOR MINISTERIAL BOARD.

The committee appointed to confer with the Board of Ministerial Education and the Trustees of Howard College, in conference with said

Board and Trustees, submit the following as a line of policy in reference to the duties of the Board of Ministerial Education:

1. That no one shall be received as a beneficiary of the Board who does not come well recommended by his church, and even then to be subject to the judgment and discretion of the Board.

2. That no one be received as a beneficiary who cannot enter as high as the Freshman class.

3. That the faculty make the six weeks' reports of the ministerial students to the Board of Ministerial Education, and in case the student is not making a satisfactory record in his studies, and cannot be induced to do so, he forfeits his right to support from the Board.

4. That we deem it to be the wisest and best plan for the contributions which may be made for ministerial education to be gratuitous gifts to the beneficiaries, with the understanding that all be required to execute their notes payable to the Board of Ministerial Education, or their successors in office, with legal interest if at any time during life they should abandon the work of the ministry.

R. M. HUNTER, Chairman.

The convention refused to adopt an amendment proposed by A. J. Dickinson in these words:

That the Board of Ministerial Education send its students to any school which in their judgment may be best and satisfactory in each case, and that it is the sense of this convention that the Board and Howard College are separate and independent, and that Howard is in no sense to be burdened by any deficits of this Board.

The report of the committee was then adopted after discussion of the report and the general subject of Ministerial Education, by W. A. Hobson, A. J. Dickinson, Josephus Shackelford and W. R. Ivey, the third and fourth sections of the report having been amended to read as printed in the body of the report.

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON.

30. The report of the Board of Trustees of the Judson Institute was discussed by Geo. B. Eager, R. G. Patrick, P. V. Bomar, J. B. Hawthorne, J. N. Prestridge and J. B. Lovelace.

31. C. O. Booth spoke of the work among the negroes.

32. C. S. Johnson presented

#### REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Through home mission work is to come our salvation from many perils seriously threatening us, both as a nation and denomination, as well as

our development in the principles and graces of Christianity. The blighting evils with which we are threatened by the presence of people of different races and nationalities, each struggling for supremacy; by the rapid influx of foreign immigrants, many of whom are hostile to all law and order, and threatening to turn liberty into license, cannot be overestimated. But it becomes us as Baptists, imbued with the Word of God, to view home mission work from a different, a higher, an evangelistic standpoint, and study and support home missions, because through that work is to come the salvation from sin of millions of souls in our land.

The work done, while not a tithe of that which remains to be done, has been gratifying. The blessing of God has rested upon it far beyond our deserts. The Board reports the work done during the last Southern convention year as follows:

Missionaries.....	372
Weeks of labor....	11,075
Churches and stations.....	1,963
Sermons and addresses.....	48,504
Prayer meetings.....	11,237
Religious visits.....	62,175
Baptisms....	4,709
Received by letter.....	4,746
Total additions..	9,455
Churches constituted.....	139
Houses of worship built.....	57
Houses of worship improved....	129
Amount expended on houses of worship.....	52,040
Sunday schools organized....	313
Teachers and pupils.....	10,725
Bibles and Testaments distributed.....	2,837
Pages of tracts distributed....	645,346

These facts, and the additional fact that the board, while beginning the year with a debt of \$13,700, closed it practically out of debt, make a very gratifying exhibit of the work.

The work to be done, however, demands a large increase of laborers and a correspondingly large increase of contributions from the churches. The amount the Board received last year from all sources (\$103,848) might be well spent in Texas alone, and not more than meet the real demands of that great mission field. What, then, is this sum to the work needed to be done among the negroes, among our rapidly increasing foreign population, among the sturdy mountaineers of Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, Florida and Louisiana, Arkansas, Indian Territory, Oklahoma, and in the rapidly

growing cities and towns all over our Southland? The indications of the early establishment of Cuba's independence point to vastly increased demands from that most fruitful mission field in the near future.

The resources with which we are to meet these growing needs are the million and a quarter of Baptists in our Southern Zion. As yet, however, our vast mine of denominational wealth and power is being worked only on the surface. What great things the Lord will do for us, and through us, and in us, when all our resources shall be made available, who can tell?

J. V. DICKINSON.

The Convention was addressed by I. T. Tichenor and W. C. Bledsoe and the report adopted.

### 33. H. R. Schramm offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Board of Directors of this convention be instructed by this convention to apportion the indebtedness of \$20,000 of Howard College to the Baptist Associations of the State, to be paid each year for five years, so that each church will be interested in this debt, not as an assessment, but a suggestion for the churches to help pay the debt, and that these associations be asked to apportion it to the churches, and send amount to clerk of each association.

On motion of S. M. Adams it was referred to Board of Trustees of Howard College.

### THURSDAY NIGHT.

34. Standing committees were appointed to report at next session as list appears on second page of cover.

35. The report of committee on nominations was submitted by N. B. Williams and amended and adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee on nominations suggests the following persons for the places assigned to each:

Delegates to American Baptist Education Society—J. T. Murfree, J. G. Harris, R. G. Patrick, George B. Eager, W. D. Hubbard, B. D. Gray, T. W. Palmer, F. M. Roof, J. Shackelford, D. Gillis, P. H. Mell.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—Jonathan Haralson, John Moody, W. S. Brown, J. M. McCord, J. W. Willis, J. L. Sproles, James Evans, J. G. Harris, J. J. Taylor, W. G. Curry, L. M. Bradley, B. H. Crumpton, H. H. Shell, J. C. Bush, W. D. Hubbard, J. W. Stewart, J. L. Thompson, W. J. Elliott, W. D. Gay, George B. Eager, G. S. Anderson, G. E. Brewer, A. S. Smith, A. B. Campbell, N. A. Beverley, N. T. Brooks, A. J. Preston, R. A. J. Cumbee, G. A. Hornady, W. J. D. Upshaw, J. H.

Creighton, W. A. Parker, J. H. Foster, Jr., R. M. Hunter, P. T. Hale, W. M. Blackwelder, W. A. Hobson, B. D. Gray; alternates, W. N. Huckabee, P. V. Bomar, L. O. Dawson, J. J. Cloud, J. W. Dickinson, I. A. White, A. J. Dickinson, W. B. Carter, N. C. Underwood, S. O. Y. Ray, J. R. Stodghill, George Bell, R. G. Patrick, W. W. Harris, W. R. Ivey, C. S. Johnson, W. C. Bledsoe, John A. Thompson, P. M. Jones.

The committee recommends that the secretary of the State Board of Missions fill vacancies and add to number, if allowed, in delegations to American Baptist Education Society and Southern Baptist convention, and that any brother who fails for twelve consecutive months to attend the meetings of the Board of which he is a member forfeit his right of membership.

A. J. PRESTON, Chairman.

(The remainder of the report appears in proper place on second page of cover.)

36. A. E. Burns made the report of committee on Time and Place. After substituting Wednesday for Friday as day of meeting the Convention adopted

#### REPORT ON TIME AND PLACE.

The committee on time and place recommends that the next session of the convention be held with the Baptist church at Opelika on Wednesday before the second Sunday in November, 1898; the introductory sermon to be preached by W. G. Curry, with J. L. Sproles as alternate; and that Z. D. Roby, George E. Brewer, J. P. Shaffer, Arnold S. Smith and W. E. Hudson be the committee to report a program for the convention and for the ministers' meeting preceding.

A. E. BURNS,

Chairman.

37. A. B. Campbell read

#### REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee notes some highly gratifying facts in connection with foreign missions. The number of converts, their excellent character, the decrease of obstacles political, social and religious, the increasing devotion of missionaries to their work, notwithstanding the hardships and perils they have to encounter; the growing interest of nearly all Christian denominations in the work, the increasing number of well qualified applicants for appointment to every part of the field, not excepting the most benighted and hostile; the increasing amount of the contributions; the growing conviction among Christians that commerce, education and other human enterprises are to be prosecuted chiefly for the propagation of the gospel among the nations; the Lord's promise of His presence with us to the end of the world—these and other considerations are extremely inspiring. We allude to them with unspeakable pleasure.



On the other hand, there are less pleasing features, of which we ought to take cognizance in the hope of bringing about a better condition of things in the churches. The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is seriously hindered in its operations by insufficiency of funds. While nearly all idolatrous countries, with their millions of population, are open to the missionary, and godly men and women are eager to enter and take possession in the name of the Lord, the Board is unable to obtain the means necessary for the work. Even some of our very best missionaries, who have done priceless service in time past, now in this country on a visit, are unable to return because the Board cannot afford them a support.

Nor is the constituency of the Alabama Baptist Convention without reproach in this matter. The net contributions to foreign missions from the one hundred and eighteen thousand white Baptists of this State for the twelve months ending last May aggregate only six thousand one hundred and seven dollars and sixty-three cents, making a little over five cents per member. Of these there are, in round numbers, one thousand ordained ministers, so that the contributions are a little over six dollars for every ordained minister in our ranks.

Much of this amount was not earned and laid aside for this cause by the contributors from a deliberate purpose born of abiding love to God and His kingdom, but was designed for some more earthly, selfish use, and was finally appropriated to missions under the influence of special sermons, warm public appeals, direct, urgent, personal solicitations of committees, and under pressure of other means employed by the more ardent advocates of the cause in the belief that if the owners were left to their habitual disposition, the money would never find its way into the treasury of any foreign mission organization. Just how much comes under this description we cannot tell, but that portion of the fund is no expression of missionary zeal on the part of the givers.

Furthermore, this scant amount, largely obtained by such means, came from the few, and those few the same persons in the main who pay the pastor's salary and other expenses of the local church and Sabbath school, contribute to indigent ministers, the Orphans' Home, Howard and Judson Colleges, ministerial education, associational missions, State missions, home missions, and whatever else is undertaken by the churches for the glory of God and the good of mankind. We believe that a large majority of our members contribute nothing for foreign missions, not even one cent a year, and thousands not one cent in a lifetime. We are persuaded this is true, not chiefly of the poorest of our people, but likewise of those in comfortable circumstances, and of some who are prominent among their neighbors for wealth.

Of the contributions that are made a large portion is not given till the

year is far advanced. This delay obliges the Board to borrow money to pay the salaries of missionaries at the close of every month, thus necessitating an additional expense for interest, which, during the last year, for instance, aggregated \$2,160.34. From May 1st of this year to October 15th, a period of five and a half months, the entire receipts from Alabama for foreign missions were \$380.23, a statement which shows that here again the Baptists of Alabama are at fault like our brethren of other States.

We beg leave to emphasize that we cite these particulars, not in a censorious spirit, but altogether to awaken inquiry as to what reforms are needed, and how they are to be effected.

If it be true that the financial burden of our operations, local and general, is borne chiefly by the few, and not for the reason that the many are less able, but are only less willing, it is obvious that the thing needed is an improved disposition, not with reference to foreign missions merely, but with reference to all Christian work that involves pecuniary sacrifice. In this report, however, we treat the matter in its bearings on foreign missions.

How can we enlist our people heartily in this department of Christian activity? Not without an improvement of their Christian character in general. And not unless the Holy Spirit accompany our efforts with His gracious influence. But what measures may we employ to this end?

First, our efforts should be addressed to ministers, as well as to other members of the churches, for the ministers are the leaders; in their hands, as God's instruments, is the future of the churches.

Secondly, we should labor faithfully to convince our people thoroughly out of the Scriptures that God requires all His children, individually and in their organized capacity, to lend their aid by all means in their power to the propagation of the gospel throughout the world.

Thirdly, they should be constantly exercised in liberality to foreign missions by stated, frequent collections—not impromptu collections sprung upon them occasionally just because they are at the moment in the humor for it—but collections at frequent intervals fixed at the beginning of the year, and for which they are to be encouraged to get and lay up money beforehand as a sacred feature of their religious life. No amount of teaching and exhortation develops liberality unless there is adequate exercise in that discretion.

Fourthly, the missionary spirit should be steadily nourished by a generous supply of information on the progress of the work; information as to its past history; information pertaining to the plans now in use, and the men who are operating them, and how they are operated; information on the fields, the history, temper and condition of the populations; the methods, toils, privations, persecutions, successes and triumphs of the laborers; on the awakening, seeking, conversion, rejoicing and subsequent

lives of converts, and the cheerfulness with which many of them lay themselves on the Lord's altar in full prospect of suffering in body, purse and mind. Missionaries often write that if their brethren at home could see and hear what they witness every day among the people to whom they minister, there would be no lack of zeal for the cause. This is true. And the constant contemplation of the missionary's life through the medium of the printed page is the benefit we now propose for the members of our Alabama churches. The Foreign Mission Journal, other distinctively missionary periodicals, our denominational papers, including those designed especially for the Sabbath school, tracts on missions, the many charming biographies of missionaries and histories of missionary enterprises, these are the kind of literature with which the homes of our people and their pastors ought to abound. We include the homes of pastors, for how can pastors interest their hearers in missions unless they are themselves informed on the subject? Every available means of getting such literature distributed in lavish abundance should be used with diligence. The reading of it will kindle and keep alive the missionary fire in the hearts of the pastors, their wives and believing children; of the deacons, their wives and believing children; of the whole membership of the church, whether located in town, city or country. If the minds of Christians be constantly replenished with missionary intelligence, the question of raising funds for missions is relieved of its difficulties.

The Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention is seeking to secure in every district association one efficient, unpaid representative of its interests, through whom it hopes to obtain access to every church, and thus to every member of every church. We recommend a hearty, universal co-operation with the Board in this effort to diffuse missionary intelligence and stimulate missionary zeal among the Baptists of the State.

A. B. CAMPBELL, Chairman.

The subject was discussed by W. D. Hubbard, J. J. Taylor, (a Missionary to Brazil) and A. J. Barton, and the report adopted.

38. The Convention was led in prayer by J. P. Shaffer for Arnold S. Smith, detained at home by the recent death of his wife, of which news had just come.

#### FRIDAY MORNING.

39. E. B. Teague presented for insertion in the minutes, (item 28),

#### REPORT VALUING PROPERTY OF HOWARD COLLEGE.

The committee appointed to estimate the value of the real estate belonging to Howard College report:

That the financial condition of the college, apart from valuation of real estate, is fully set forth in the report of the Board of Trustees.

The best estimate of that value which your committee can fix, after such consultation with well informed parties as found possible, is indicated in the following items:

1. 64 acres of land, on which the buildings are erected and im-  
     32 acres at \$50.....\$1,600  
     32 acres at \$100.....3,200—\$4,800
2. Buildings, including water works, bath house and other appurte-  
     nances, costing about \$60,000, estimated at..... 30,000

Items 1 and 2 are hypothecated to secure bonded indebtedness, as per report of Board of Trustees.

3. Unencumbered property, scheduled below, consisting of smaller tracts of land and lots, and lying for the most part between East Lake and the City of Birmingham, more valuable on that account:

1 lot, Trussville .....	\$ 25.00
10 lots, Walker Land Co.....	400.00
12.36 acres, Walker Land Co....	247.20
1 lot East Lake, H. F. W.....	50.00
2 lots East Lake, A. G. B.....	75.00
2 lots East Lake, M. Ellard.....	50.00
1 lot East Lake, R. W. B.....	25.00
3 lots East Lake, F. W. C.....	60.00
3 lots East Lake, W. H. H.....	125.00
1 lot East Lake, W. A. W.....	50.00
1 acre near East Lake, J. McD.....	25.00
1 acre near East Lake, F. M.....	50.00
10 acres Lake Superior Land Co.....	200.00
2 acres near Woodlawn, E. C. S.....	100.00
2 7-10 acres near Woodlawn, M. G. W.....	108.00
1 lot near Woodlawn, Z. A. P.....	25.00
10 acres Shelby county.....	50.00
40 acres Tuscaloosa county.....	125.00
2 lots Smithfield.....	40.00
1 lot East Lake, M. B. W.....	75.00
Richards lot.....	1,400.00—\$3,305.20

Whole amount of land, 92 acres, plus 23 lots.

Total estimated value of property.....\$38,105.20

The enhanced value on account of the growth of the City of Birmingham and suburban towns will in no great while add largely to these values.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. TEAGUE,  
 N. C. UNDERWOOD,  
 J. H. FOSTER, Jr.  
 Committee.

40. The report of the Board of Trustees of the Orphans' Home was discussed by J. W. Stewart, J. G. Harris and J. G. Lowrey, and the Convention heard a song from Miss Mamie Steele, an orphan therein, and a collection of \$31.50 was taken for the Institution.

41. W. C. Luther addressed the Convention on the Bible Work of the American Baptist Publication Society.

42. On motion of B. D. Gray, G. C. Kelly, G. W. Read, L. S. Handley and E. H. Hawkins, visiting ministers of other denominations, were welcomed to seats.

43. T. M. Callaway submitted

#### REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It should be unnecessary among Baptists at this late day to urge the importance of the Sunday school. It is among the most important factors in our church work.

The notion has prevailed for a long time, and among many people, that the Sunday school is for children, and children only. The consequence has been that the children are becoming not only "wise unto salvation," but wise in the knowledge of Bible truths, while many of the older people who stay at home are drying up in ignorance and inactivity. Instead of the old teaching the young, there are cases where the young can very easily teach the old a few things, and this is due to the training the young get in the Sunday school, which many of the older ones miss.

We would urge:

1. That every member of a Baptist church who can will attend the Sunday school.

2. That the pastor keep in sympathetic touch with the school in his church.

3. That the Sunday school be in direct accord with the church as a whole, having its officers to make regular reports to the church in order that the affairs of the school may be ratified by the church.

4. That we endeavor to devise the best methods of work by having competent officers and teachers, holding teachers' meetings, Sunday school conventions, etc., for the purpose of discussing these methods of work.

5. That the lesson helps be used only as helps, and let the Bible be the text-book, not simply studied about, but studied in the school.

We would call attention to the excellent work our Sunday school Board at Nashville is doing. The sixth annual report last year revealed the fact that its efficient corresponding secretary, Dr. J. M. Frost, was not only

fully consecrated to his work, but was likewise a thoroughly competent business man.

The Board now has a home of its own in a building for which was paid \$10,000.

Last year as a result of Missionary Day in our schools in the South, suggested by the Board, it received and sent to the Home and Foreign Boards about \$4,000.

This Board, during the six years of its existence, has contributed in cash, gifts of Bibles, books, tracts, etc., to mission schools and to the other Boards the sum of \$42,089.88.

As is well known, this Board publishes a full list of Sunday school literature, which is furnished to our schools at very reasonable rates. This Board should have our full sympathy and support.

The American Baptist Publication Society is also doing a good work among our schools in the South, as well as elsewhere.

A few years ago there were reported 123,173 Sunday schools in the United States, in which were 1,305,939 teachers and 9,718,432 scholars. At the same time the common schools had an enrollment of 9,208,896, which was considerably below the total enrollment of the Sunday school. It is reasonable to suppose that while both have increased since that report, the proportion remains about the same.

It is gratifying to note that many of our schools not only have the idea of discipling those who attend, but have caught the missionary spirit, and evangelization has become a conspicuous word in the vocabulary of Sunday school workers.

Respectfully submitted,

T. M. CALLAWAY, Chairman.

The Convention was addressed by E. E. Folk and W. A. Hobson and the report adopted.

44. The subject of Temperance was discussed by T. M. Callaway, A. J. Dickinson, A. B. Campbell and J. B. Hawthorne, and the report offered by J. H. Curry was amended and adopted as follows :

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TEMPERANCE.

This is an old subject. It has been prominent before the public mind for a long time. It has employed the thoughts, the tongues and the pens of many wise and good men and women in every Christian land. Papers, periodicals and books have been sent out from the printing press in the interest of temperance, and the subject has been so thoroughly discussed as to leave little or nothing new to be said. Yet, so long as the appalling evils of intemperance exist, blighting and destroying human hopes and human happiness, it is the duty of all citizens, and of all faith-

ful Christians, to battle against the liquor business with all their main and might.

The evils of intemperance baggar all description. It destroys health and character, body and soul. It is ruin for time and eternity. Its widespread and deadly influence is to be seen in all lands. It penetrates all departments of society, from the highest to the lowest. Its trail of poisonous slime is to be found upon the sacred floors of God's sanctuary under the guise of dram-drinking.

Shall we quarantine against yellow fever and other epidemics, and allow this most desolating pestilence to stalk abroad at will all over our land, leaving sorrow, ruin, temporal and eternal, in its wake?

Christians must take a resolute stand against this great evil. They have in their hands the only true remedy—the Gospel of Christ—and should by example and united action so mould public sentiment that no member can maintain his standing in the church who makes, sells, drinks, favors and encourages in any way the liquor traffic. The rescue of our land from the dreadful effects of intemperance and from the saloon power rests with the Christian people. The saloon exists in our State because of the laws made to license and protect it, and these laws may be repealed whenever the Christian people of the State demand it. Therefore, the Christians of our State are responsible for the existence of the open saloon within our bounds. If all professed Christians would unite their efforts, the speedy overthrow of the saloon power is an assured fact. Wilberforce uttered a truth when he said: "Intemperance could not exist but for the abominable indifference of the Christian church."

We recommend that any member of this convention who is present at Columbus, Ohio, at the National Anti-Saloon Convention be authorized to represent this convention in that body.

J. H. CURRY, Chairman.

#### FRIDAY AFTERNOON.

45. Geo. B. Eager read second chapter of Philippians.
46. L. O. Dawson submitted

#### MAJORITY REPORT ON THE "WHITSITT MATTER."

Whereas, There is among the members of this convention a variety of opinions in regard to Dr. W. H. Whitsitt's published utterances on a question in Baptist history; and

Whereas, It is desirable that no action be taken by this convention that would irritate any of its members, or disturb the good fellowship which now prevails in the body; and

Whereas, The question in Baptist history raised by Dr. Whitsitt is one

upon which Baptists may honestly differ and which should never be made a test of Baptist orthodoxy or fellowship; and

Whereas, We have the utmost confidence in the intelligence, wisdom and denominational fealty of the Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, who are the only legal custodians of the interests of that Institution; therefore

Resolved, That we refer the whole matter to the Trustees of the Seminary, with the request that they give it careful and thorough consideration before the next meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention and take such action as in their judgment would be at once just to Dr. Whitsitt, the Seminary and the Baptist denomination.

L. O. DAWSON,  
N. C. UNDERWOOD,  
B. D. GRAY,  
J. H. FOSTER, Jr.,  
W. D. HUBBARD.

Josephus Shackelford submitted

#### MINORITY REPORT ON "THE WHITSITT MATTER."

Whereas, Dr. W. H. Whitsitt, by his public utterances on matters of Baptist history has offended a large portion of the Baptists of the South, and by his frequent mistakes has caused them to lose confidence in him as a teacher of Baptist history; and

Whereas, This want of confidence on the part of a large portion of the denomination will, we fear, injure the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary if he continues to be connected with it as teacher of history; therefore

Resolved, That in the judgment of this convention it would be greatly to the interest of the Seminary and to the peace of our Southern Zion that Dr. Whitsitt's connection with that Institution cease.

R. A. J. CUMBEE,  
JOS. SHACKELFORD,  
A Minority of the Committee.

J. Shackelford moved to substitute the minority for the majority report. The Convention was addressed by J. P. Shaffer, J. B. Hawthorne, E. B. Teague, W. P. Harvey, Jos. Shackelford, J. V. Dickinson, A. J. Dickinson, B. D. Gray, P. T. Hale, and then upon motion of E. B. Teague the whole subject was tabled by a vote of 89 to 52. J. R. Sampey, L. O. Dawson, Geo. B. Eager, Z. D. Roby, J. P. Shaffer, J. G. Cox, J. E. Harris, W. C. Bledsoe, W. B. Crumpton and the President briefly spoke informally on the subject, whereupon on motion of J. W. Stewart it was



Resolved, "That whatever may be the result of the discussion of "The Whitsitt Matter," we hereby pledge ourselves that we will not allow it to disturb our fraternal relations nor to dampen our ardor in our organized work, and we pledge ourselves, as far as possible, to prevent injecting of this matter again into our State work anywhere.

47. On motion of H. R. Schramm, the sympathy of the Convention was tendered to Mrs. D. I. Purser, Mrs. A. R. Hardy, Arnold S. Smith and I. C. Brown, on account of recent afflictions.

48. On motion of T. M. Callaway, the following was adopted:

#### RESOLUTION OF THANKS.

Be it resolved, That the appreciation and thanks of this body be extended to the brethren of East Lake church and community for the generous hospitality and courtesies shown us during the sessions of this convention, to the newspapers for unusually full reports, and to the railroads for reduced rates.

49. Parting remarks were made by the President.

50. Prayer was offered by Z. D. Roby and the Convention adjourned.

W. C. CLEVELAND,  
*President.*

WM. A. DAVIS,  
*Secretary.*

# DELEGATES

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## FROM CHURCHES.

Alpine—J. W. Heacock.

Anniston, Parker Memorial—J. W. Abererombie, T. W. Ayers, A. W.

Bell, P. B. Brown, Wm. A. Davis, J. H. Foster, Jr.

Auburn—P. H. Mell.

Avondale—J. T. Beard, Gilbert Carter, C. D. Cruse, R. M. Hunter, A. B. Sudduth.

Bethel, Bibb County—J. P. Harris.

Bethel, Tuscaloosa County—J. H. Curry.

Bethesda—D. S. Martin.

Bethsaida—J. I. Kendrick.

Bessemer—W. R. Ivey.

Birmingham, First—T. A. Bell, T. D. Bradford, James Brazer, I. C. Brown, C. F. Enslen, E. F. Enslen, G. H. Estes, J. E. Frazier, T. W. Gathwright, J. F. Graham, B. D. Gray, L. J. Haley, K. T. Hawkins, A. B. Johnston, J. W. Johnston, R. F. Kolb, J. D. Leak, R. F. Manly, George M. Morrow, W. J. Pierce, P. C. Ratliffe, E. Shepherd, W. T. Simmons, T. W. Smith, J. R. Vail, E. H. Walker, R. S. Warner, N. B. Williams.

Birmingham, Second—J. B. Tidwell.

Birmingham, Southside—E. H. Cabaniss, J. D. S. Davis, W. E. B. Davis, S. P. Fowlkes, P. T. Hale, Alex Hogan, Dan Hogan, Frank Hogan, James Hogan, J. F. Hogan, J. C. Johnson, J. W. Johnson, Lewis Minor, J. H. Pool, M. C. Reynolds, J. A. Stratton, W. C. Ward.

Birmingham, Third—P. M. Jones.

Brewton—L. M. Bradley.

Clinton—J. D. Cook.

Columbia—W. C. Cleveland.

Columbiana—J. L. Peters.

Cubahatchie—G. S. Anderson.

Dolomite—W. J. Ray.

East Lake, Ruhama—H. H. Brown, W. B. Carter, J. D. Heacock, W. A.

Hobson, J. M. Huey, C. C. Jones, T. V. B. Moor, A. D. Smith, M. M. Wood, Ebenezer—W. J. Ruddick.

Evergreen—S. P. Lindsey.

Fellowship—B. E. Cunningham.

Gadsden—A. B. Goodhue, J. W. Willis.

Goodwater—O. P. Bentley.

Greensboro—E. L. Thornton.

Greenville—W. D. Hubbard.

- Gurley—J. M. McCord.  
 Hawkinsville—H. Hawkins.  
 Huntsville, Dallas Avenue—R. E. Pettus.  
 Huntsville, First—A. E. Burns, M. B. Neece, J. L. Sproles.  
 Jasper—J. H. Longcrier, J. H. McGuire, G. D. O'Rear.  
 Jemison—S. M. Adams, F. M. Woods.  
 Lineville—J. H. Jenkins.  
 Livingston—W. G. Curry.  
 Macon, Siloam—P. V. Bomar, J. B. Lovedace, R. G. Patrick.  
 Mary Lee—J. E. Creel.  
 Midway—S. O. Y. Ray.  
 Montgomery, Clayton Street—J. L. Thompson.  
 Montgomery, First—A. F. Dix, George B. Eager, J. M. Falkner, J. G. Harris, G. G. Miles, Stephen Tucker.  
 Montgomery, South—J. F. Gable.  
 Moulton—J. W. Sandlin.  
 New Bethel—L. H. Shuttlesworth.  
 New Decatur, First—F. C. David.  
 New Prospect, Jefferson County—M. Franklin, J. F. Moncrief, W. L. C. Vann, R. S. Wood.  
 New Prospect, Walker County—S. Snody, J. L. Wright.  
 New Prospect, Winston County—George W. Gibson.  
 Notasulga—George E. Brewer.  
 Opelika—Z. D. Roby.  
 Orrville—I. A. White.  
 Oxford—J. E. Barnard.  
 Pratt City—J. C. DeLacee, J. V. Dickinson, P. A. Eubank, W. S. Eubank, H. L. Finkler, G. F. Lindsay, G. W. Norvell.  
 Roanoke—W. J. D. Upshaw.  
 Selma, First—A. J. Dickinson, H. S. D. Mallory.  
 Selma, Second—J. E. McMullen, J. F. Savell.  
 Sheffield, First—Mack Stamps.  
 Shiloh—James D. Ray.  
 Springville—P. S. Montgomery.  
 Sylacauga—C. S. Johnson.  
 Talladega—T. M. Callaway, J. B. Graham, D. M. Mallory.  
 Troy—A. B. Campbell.  
 Tuskaloosa—L. O. Dawson, T. H. Garner, T. W. Palmer.  
 Union, Dale County—H. L. Martin.  
 Union, Elmore County—J. M. Johnson.  
 Verbena—Hardy Jones.  
 Wilsonville—J. F. Pope.  
 Woodlawn—W. M. Blackwelder, J. B. Burris, J. M. Dewberry, J. B. Gibson, J. B. Helm, Joe Hood, J. L. Johnson, J. S. Wood.

## FROM ASSOCIATIONS.

Birmingham—S. R. Caffee, H. A. Hagler, J. L. Hagler, A. N. Hawkins, D. D. Jones, J. G. Lowrey, J. W. Minor, J. P. Stiles, D. H. Tally, T. P. Waller, R. J. Waldrop, Frank S. White.

Cababa—J. E. Barnes.

Cababa Valley—L. M. Cox, J. A. Glenn, J. W. Lawley, J. S. E. Robinson.

Centennial—J. A. Jenkins.

Conecuh—J. W. Stewart.

Coosa River—A. A. Hutto, F. G. Mullen.

Etowah—W. L. Culbertson, S. D. Monroe.

Eufaula—H. R. Schramm.

Harris—W. J. Boykin.

Judson—W. W. Harris, A. J. Preston.

Liberty, East—George L. Bell, J. O. Bledsoe, W. C. Bledsoe, R. A. J. Cumbee, J. L. Gregory, Charles Henderson, William C. Roeck, J. P. Shaffer, J. R. Stodghill.

Liberty, North—H. E. Rice.

Mulberry—J. M. Langston.

Muscle Shoals—James Evans, John C. Orr, Josephus Shackelford.

New River—J. E. Cox, M. B. McCollum.

North River—R. A. Baker, W. B. Earnest, J. D. McCallum, J. S. Watts.

Shelby—L. C. Abbott, J. F. Averyt, W. H. Connell, C. W. Ohara, E. B. Teague.

Tallapoosa River—Benjamin Walker.

Troy—N. C. Underwood.

Tuskaloosa—J. D. Blocker, B. M. Phifer.

Warrior River—W. A. Alexander, G. A. Chunn.

Yellow Creek—W. C. Woods.

Name omitted—H. T. Burks.

## VISITORS.

Alabama Baptist—J. A. Howard.

Alabama Convention, Colored—C. O. Boothe.

American Baptist Publication Society—W. C. Luther.

Baptist Argus—M. P. Hunt, J. N. Prestridge.

Christian Index—J. F. Edens.

Florida Convention—A. P. Pugh.

Foreign Mission Board—A. J. Barton, J. J. Taylor (Brazil)

Georgetown College—W. B. Crumpton.

Home Mission Board—I. T. Tichenor.

Kentucky Convention—J. Strickler.

Southern Baptist Theological Seminary—J. R. Sampey.

Sunday School Board—E. E. Folk.

Tennessee Convention—J. B. Hawthorne.

Western Recorder—W. P. Harvey.

Young People's Baptist Union—C. S. Blackwell.

## WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

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The Woman's Missionary Union of Alabama held its fifth annual meeting at the Methodist Church, East Lake, Ala., December 16, 1897, at 9:30 a. m., Mrs. L. F. Stratton presiding, Mrs. D. M. Malone, Secretary.

After devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. R. M. Hunter of Avondale, the address of welcome was given by Miss Lillie Hunt of East Lake. This cordial greeting was but an exponent of the welcome extended by the ladies of East Lake during the entire meeting.

Mrs. B. D. Gray was especially felicitous in her response on behalf of delegates and Central Committee.

The Union is under greatest obligations to the Methodist ladies for their church, and especially for the excellent music that lent variety to the exercises and gave special pleasure during the session of two days.

Mrs. L. F. Stratton, President of the Central Committee, delivered an address full of practical suggestions and punctuated all through with "Thus saith the Lord," as reasons for woman's work and systematic work. She gladdened the hearts of the workers by assuring them of the steady growth of the work, and that this year, notwithstanding its epidemics and other impediments to the work, had been a phenomenally successful one—for all of which we thanked God and took courage.

Mrs. D. M. Malone's report as Corresponding Secretary of Central Committee is as follows:

### WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

President, Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Birmingham.

Vice President, Mrs. B. D. Gray, Birmingham.

Vice President Executive Committee, Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston.

Leader Young People's Mission Work, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Birmingham.

Treasurer, Mrs. George M. Morrow, Birmingham.

Secretary, Mrs. D. M. Malone, Birmingham.

### ASSOCIATIONAL VICE PRESIDENTS.

Antioch Association—Mrs. J. B. Hamberlin, Healing Springs.

Bethel Association—Miss Sallie McIver, Thomasville.

Bigbee Association—Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston.

Birmingham Association—Mrs. William Franklin, Mt. Pinson.

Calhoun Association—Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston.

Central Association—Mrs. A. L. Harlan, Alexander City.

Columbia Association—Mrs. W. M. Burr, Dothan.

Conecuh Association—Mrs. T. R. Farnham, Evergreen.  
 Elin Association—Mrs. R. L. Stewart, Perdido Station.  
 Etowah Association—Mrs. J. H. Holcombe, Gadsden.  
 Eufaula Association—Mrs. J. E. Meadows, Clayton.  
 Florence Association—Mrs. B. T. Eastburn, Florence.  
 Harris Association—Mrs. J. T. Nuckolls, Fort Mitchell.  
 East Liberty Association—Mrs. J. M. Vernon, Cusseta.  
 North Liberty Association—Mrs. M. B. Neece, Huntsville.  
 Mineral Springs Association—Mrs. A. Barnwell, Morris Station.  
 Mobile Association—Mrs. Lida B. Robertson, Mobile.  
 Montgomery Association—Mrs. T. W. Sadler, Montgomery.  
 Newton Association—Mrs. A. N. Jones, Newton.  
 Pine Barren Association—Mrs. S. M. Kendrick.  
 Selma Association—Miss Zaidee Ellis, Orrville.  
 Shelby Association—Mrs. L. H. Lyman, Montevallo.  
 Tennessee River Association—Miss Maggie Beard, Scottsboro.  
 Union Association—Mrs. S. E. Robertson, Carrollton.  
 Zion Association—Mrs. M. Riley, Andalusia.

#### REPORT OF CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

The report of the Alabama Central Committee on Woman's Mission Work must needs be only partial this year, owing to the sad and sudden removal by death of its beloved and efficient Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. I. C. Brown.

Upon recommendation of the State Board, Mrs. D. M. Malone was appointed to this office and has entered upon its duties.

We think no better synopsis of the work can be obtained than to quote from the report rendered by Mrs. Brown to the Woman's Missionary Union, at the time of the Southern Baptist Convention, adding to that report the number of letters written and amount of literature distributed to date.

The report reads as follows:

Increased activity and interest are manifest. Lines of work recommended by the Woman's Missionary Union have been followed. Within a few years Alabama Baptists have suffered heavy losses, by fire and otherwise, to their cherished institutions—Howard College and Judson Institute. Our women have helped to rebuild, lift mortgages, etc. The under these added duties and great financial depression, our contributions to missions have not fallen off is a matter for rejoicing. With the approval of our State Board, the Central Committee now receives money contributed by societies. This arrangement gives entire satisfaction. Twenty-nine new mission societies and bands have been formed. The Weeks of Prayer and Self-denial were observed. Thirty-one boxes have been sent to the frontier. We are happy to report the return to the State of our former excellent President, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton. She has accepted the charge

of the Sunbeams, and this important branch of work, we are confident, will make good progress under her efficient leadership.

MRS. I. C. BROWN, Secretary.

Letters written.....	931
Packages literature distributed....	363
Postals written.....	47

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton has infused new life into the Sunbeam and Young People's Mission Work of the State.

#### CENTRAL COMMITTEE WOMAN'S MISSION SOCIETIES.

Mrs. George M. Morrow's report was read by Mrs. B. D. Gray and will be found in minutes of convention. The total of \$8,166.07 for all purposes means much of sacrifice for the Baptist women of Alabama, but the gift is laid willingly and lovingly upon the altar for His sake.

The Vice Presidents were urged to send their reports to the Treasurer not later than the 15th of the month, so as to appear in quarterly reports. The sum quoted above does not really represent the work of the Societies, as many reports were sent in too late to be incorporated in this year's report. They will, however, swell the sum in the next financial report.

Reports of the Vice Presidents of Associations were of the deepest interest, and many hearts were inspired with desire to "do better another year" upon hearing the zeal of others.

Rev. W. J. D. Upshaw gave report for the Society at Roanoke and spoke words of encouragement.

Dr. A. J. Barton of the Foreign Mission Board appeared before the Union, and his burning words of appeal for China's millions will not soon be forgotten. The Christmas offering was specially dwelt upon. His answers to question on the subject of missions were particularly striking.

Mrs. S. A. Smith's appeal for Miss Willie Kelly, Alabama's noble missionary, resulted in increased interest for her and many pledges for her support. An interesting letter from Miss Kelly was read.

Mrs. H. L. Mellen moved that Miss Kelly's name be added to our printed circular containing objects for which Alabama women work. This motion was unanimously carried.

A telegram of greeting was received from Mrs. J. T. Mickol's for Harris Association, to which Mrs. T. A. Hamilton was requested to respond.

No more touching incident could have transpired than the singing of "Bring the little ones in to Jesus," by little Mamie Watson, one of the children of the Orphanage.

Mrs. Ansley gave, as usual, a most interesting report of the Orphanage. We only wish it might be inserted here intact. Collection for this institute amounted to \$7.50, a pledge of \$5 being given by Mrs. McCalley of Parker Memorial Church, Anniston, for her Sunbeams.

Mrs. Ward of Greensboro made a touching appeal for the Baptist Church

at that place. The presence of the widow of Mr. Hardy, who fell at his post trying to build the same, added pathos to her appeal.

Dr. Bledsoe spoke before the Union upon the needs of the State Board and offered to have any appeal formulated by the Central Committee printed at the expense of his Board.

After prayer by Mrs. Stratton, adjourned to meet next day at 9:30.

## SECOND DAY.

The Union met at 9:30. Devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. J. W. Hargrove, East Lake.

The following is the list of delegates enrolled:

Mrs. S. A. Smith, Prattville.  
 Mrs. J. E. McMullen, Second Church, Selma.  
 Mrs. Hudmon, Opelika.  
 Mrs. W. W. Harris, Abbeville.  
 Mrs. J. B. Ward, Abbeville.  
 Mrs. H. L. Mellen, Livingston.  
 Mrs. C. W. Ansley, Evergreen.  
 Miss Dora Crook, Jacksonville.  
 Miss Mary Ramagnano, Jacksonville.  
 Mrs. W. B. Cockrell, Bessemer.  
 Mrs. W. R. Ivey, Bessemer.  
 Mrs. D. W. Ward, Greensboro.  
 Mrs. Jennie M. Hardy, Greensboro.  
 Mrs. L. F. Stratton, Southside Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, Southside Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. A. E. Thornton, Southside Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. W. A. Collier, First Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. Frank S. White, First Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. B. D. Gray, First Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. George M. Morrow, First Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. D. M. Malone, First Church, Birmingham.  
 Mrs. James Aiken, Gadsden.  
 Mrs. Alice Davis, Choctolocco.  
 Mrs. L. J. Milner, Second Church, Birmingham.  
 Miss Birdie Vann, Pratt City.  
 Mrs. R. L. McCalley, Anniston.  
 Mrs. O. M. Reynolds, Anniston.  
 Miss Lillie Hunt, East Lake.  
 Mrs. J. W. Hargrove, East Lake.  
 Miss Ranie Southworth, New Bethel.  
 Mrs. V. A. Hunter, Carbon Hill.  
 Mrs. William Franklin, Trussville.  
 Mrs. A. L. Killian, Avondale.



Mrs. R. M. Hunter, Avondale.

Mrs. George B. Eager, Montgomery.

Miss Knapp, missionary to the colored people, gave an interesting talk concerning her work.

Dr. Tichenor having left the convention, no speech was made by officer of Home Board.

Mrs. B. D. Gray gave a suggestive and helpful talk on "Our Frontier Missions." Mrs. Longcrier, Jasper, Mrs. Eager, Montgomery, Mrs. Ward, Greensboro, spoke of boxes in process of packing by their several churches.

Mrs. Stratton reminded the ladies how important it was that punctual attention should be given the letters from missionaries when sent to Societies.

"Words from Workers" filled an interesting half hour, when Mrs. Hargrove, Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Davis and Miss Ramagnano gave short and pointed experiences regarding the work.

Mrs. Stratton made an explanation about an expense fund for carrying on the work of the Central Committee, when pledges were made as follows: Prattville, \$2; Livingston and Demopolis, 10 cents per member; Bessemer, 10 cents per member; First Church of Birmingham, \$2. Several promised to bring this matter before their societies.

Dr. E. E. Folk spoke in behalf of the Sunday School Board, advocating its literature and telling of its success.

Mrs. T. A. Hamilton made a statement regarding her special work as leader of the Young People's Mission Bands for the State, showing that there were some forty bands in actual touch with the Central Committee, twelve of which had been organized this year.

Miss Dora Crook of Jacksonville read a delightful paper on "What Woman has done for Christ's Kingdom."

Mrs. B. D. Gray offered a resolution of thanks to the ladies of the Methodist Church for the use of their comfortable building, to the choir for the excellent music, to the efficient little pages and to the ladies of East Lake for their unbounded kindness and hospitality.

The last half hour of the session was devoted to tender and loving services in memory of Mrs. I. C. Brown, the former Corresponding Secretary of the Alabama Central Committee. These exercises were participated in by Mrs. T. A. Hamilton for the Central Committee, Mrs. Hargrove for the East Lake Society, and Mrs. Hunter for the Association, after which Miss Purcell of the Atheneum sang that exquisite solo, "Since She Went Home," and the fifth annual meeting of the Alabama Missionary Union was a thing of the past.

MRS. L. F. STRATTON, President.

Mrs. D. M. MALONE, Secretary.

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## LOUISE SHORT BAPTIST WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' HOME.

Act Approved February 14, 1891, as Amended by Act Approved February 8, 1895.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Alabama, That J. Norwood, J. W. Stewart, Dayton Plaster, R. Meadows, Mrs. M. L. B. Woodson, Mrs. P. L. Brooks, Geo. W. Ellis, C. W. Hare, Mrs. D. I. Purser, Miss Annie Grace Tarrt, N. D. Denson and W. G. Robertson and their successors are hereby created a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Louise Short Baptist Widows and Orphans' Home, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity; may have a common seal, and alter the same at pleasure; shall have perpetual succession; may receive, hold and use and enjoy, for the purposes hereinafter expressed, by gift, devise, purchase, or otherwise, all manner of estate, real, personal or mixed, to any amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars of real estate, and one hundred thousand dollars of personal or mixed property to any amount not exceeding three hundred thousand dollars of real estate, and one hundred thousand dollars of personal estate, and the same to alienate, sell, transfer, lease and convey by the order of the Board of Managers, and do all other acts and things that may be hereafter expressed in this charter nor repugnant to the constitution and laws of this State, or of the United States.

Section 2. Be it further enacted, That the object of this corporation shall be to procure the control of orphans, destitute widows, and such other children as the Board of Trustees may think proper to receive for the purpose of supporting and educating them in the Home established for that purpose in Evergreen, Conecuh county, or to secure a suitable home for any such children outside of said institution when practicable.

Section 3. Be it further enacted, That the estate and concerns of said institution shall be governed and directed by a Board of Trustees composed of nine (9) members, five (5) of whom shall reside at Evergreen, the successors of said corporation to be selected by the Baptist State Convention of Alabama, in such manner as it may deem best, and the said trustees shall elect one of their number as president, and another as secretary and treasurer of the board, each of whom shall reside in Evergreen, where said institution is located. Said trustees shall adopt such by-laws and regulations for the admission of persons into said institution, and the government and disposition of the same, as they may deem best.

Sections 4, 5, 6. Repealed.

Section 7. Be it further enacted, That said corporation shall, on the decision of the president of and secretary of the board of trustees, in accordance with its by-laws, have power to receive into its custody and control such children as may be recommended, and such widows as may

be found, in the judgment of said president and secretary, to be in such needy circumstances and of such worthy character as to justify their acceptance. Said corporation, for the purpose of protecting the person and rights of any child committed to its care, is hereby vested with all the rights and powers of a parent or natural guardian, with the right of the exclusive control and custody of said child and its property until the age of eighteen (18) if a girl, and twenty-one (21) years if a boy, unless disposed of sooner as provided by this charter. Said corporation shall also have the same power to receive and control such children as may have been abandoned by those having the right to the control and custody thereof, when such children may, in good faith, be committed to its custody and control by two reputable citizens of this State, with the approval of the probate judge or a justice of the peace of the county where such child is found.

Section 8. Be it further enacted, That the said corporation may, through its president, as may be prescribed by its by-laws, permit any suitable person to adopt any child in its custody and control as their own child upon proper covenants in writing being executed by such person and the president, and acknowledged or proven and recorded in the Court of Probate in the county where the principal interests of the Home reside, as deed may be, and said corporation may, through its president, as may be prescribed by its by-laws, bind out to any suitable person any child in its custody and control as an apprentice when such course shall be recommended by the executive committee, and may also receive of such persons other covenants, beneficial to the child, in addition to those prescribed by law; especially that such child should not be treated as a servant, the apprenticeships to terminate at the lawful age, or as soon as may be expressed in the indenture, which shall be acknowledged and recorded as prescribed in the transfer in this section.

Section 9. Be it further enacted, That the property, money, estate and rights of said corporation shall be exempt from all taxation by State or local laws for any purpose whatever.

Section 10. Be it further enacted, That the board of trustees shall have power to procure or have erected such buildings and improvements as they may deem best and to appoint and employ such officers, superintendents, agents, teachers and other persons, and to do such other things and arrange and agree with any donor according to such stipulations as may be deemed to the interest of the Institution necessary and proper with the laws of this State or of the United States.

Section 11. Be it further enacted, That the board of managers may provide in the by-laws for the formation of auxiliary societies upon such terms as they think best.

Section —. (Section 5 of Act approved February 8, 1895). Be it further enacted, That the present board of trustees be and they are hereby continued in office until their successors are elected by the next Baptist State Convention, and that all the acts of said corporation heretofore performed under said original charter are hereby ratified and confirmed.

## CONSTITUTION.

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Article I. This body shall be known as "The Alabama Baptist State Convention," and shall consist: (1) of three delegates from each Baptist District Association in Alabama, co-operating with this convention, if said Association shall have five hundred members, or under and one additional delegate for every five hundred members, or fraction thereof, above that number, whose annual election or appointment shall be duly certified by the printed minutes, or certificate of an officer of the Association represented by them; (2) of one delegate from each church, co-operating with this Convention, if said church shall have fifty members, or under, and one additional delegate for every fifty members, or fraction thereof, above that number; (3) of persons who contribute funds, or are representatives of churches contributing funds for the regular work of this Convention, on the basis of one representative for each one hundred dollars actually paid into the treasury of the Boards of this Convention during the fiscal year preceding its assembling. But in all cases must delegates to this body be brethren of Baptist Churches in good standing.

Article II. The officers of the Convention shall be a President, First and Second Vice Presidents, a Recording Secretary and a Treasurer, together with a Board of Directors, as hereinafter named, who shall be elected at each annual meeting, and who shall hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Article III. The President, or in case of his absence, one of the Vice Presidents, in their order, shall preside at all the deliberations of the Convention, and discharge the duties usually imposed upon an executive officer of deliberate bodies.

Article IV. The Secretary shall make a fair record of the proceedings of the Convention, and soon after the rising of each regular meeting of the body, shall attend to the printing and distribution of the minutes of the same, of which he shall preserve a file, which file shall constitute the authentic record of the Convention. He shall also conduct the correspondence of the body. For his services he may receive a reasonable compensation. The printing of the minutes of the Convention, and the compensation of the Secretary, shall be paid for by pro rata taken from the funds sent for the various objects fostered by this body each year.

Article V. The Treasurer shall take charge of the funds of the Convention, and hold the same, subject to the order of this body, or of the Board of Directors, during the recess of the Convention; and he shall make an annual report of all receipts and expenditures, which shall be audited and published with the minutes.

Article VI. The President, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer, with nine other brethren, shall compose the Board of Directors, five of

whom shall form a quorum authorized to transact any business of the Convention during the recess thereof, and shall report their proceedings at each annual meeting of the Convention.

Article VII. The President shall have power to call a meeting of the Board of Directors whenever the exigency of the circumstances may, in his judgment, require the same.

Article VIII. The design of this Convention shall be to elicit, combine and direct the energies of the Baptists of Alabama in one sacred effort to encourage and promote, (1) the propagation of the gospel in this State, and, through the Southern Baptist Convention, in the destitute parts of the world; (2) the education of those it believes called of God to the ministry; (3) the education of the youth of our country; (4) the publication and distribution of the Word of God and other literature; (5) the organization and usefulness of Sunday Schools and other religious and educational movements it may deem promotive of the interests of the kingdom of Christ and sanctioned by the Word of God.

Article IX. The Convention shall have the supreme control of any Literary or Theological Institution, which has been, or may hereafter be, originated in this body; and it shall choose for such institution a Board of twenty-four Trustees, to serve for six years, of whom one-third shall go out of office biennially; and the said Trustees shall, on all occasions, be subject to the control of the Convention, and make an annual report to this body on the state of such institution.

Article X. The Convention may receive funds from all such as may be disposed to aid in any of the benevolent purposes mentioned in the 8th Article, and it shall faithfully apply funds contributed to the objects which may be designated by the donors, a portion, however, being taken pro rata from the same for contingent expenses, in the event of the insufficiency of the general fund for that purpose.

Article XI. The Convention may employ agents, whose duty it shall be to make collections, obtain subscriptions from Societies, solicit churches and associations to unite with the Convention, and to further all objects of this body.

Article XII. The Convention shall have power to send delegates to the Southern Baptist Convention, and to any other assembly with which, in its wisdom, it may wish, to communicate.

Article XIII. The Convention shall hold its meetings at such time and place as it shall, from time to time, appoint.

Article XIV. The funds of the Convention shall consist of voluntary contributions or donations and not otherwise.

Article XV. The convention disclaims all right of exercising authority over any church or association, hereby acknowledging that every church is independent, and within its own sphere, is accountable to no body of men on earth.

Article XVI. This Constitution may be altered or amended by the concurrence of three-fourths of the members present at any annual meeting, but not so as to infringe the 15th Article.

Article XVII. All amendments or alterations of this Constitution shall be proposed at one session and acted upon at the next.

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Instead of prescribing distinct Rules of Order, "Mell's Parliamentary Practice," so far as applicable, has been adopted by the Convention.

## LIST OF ORDAINED BAPTIST MINISTERS IN ALABAMA.

[Please report needed corrections to the Statistical Secretary.]

Abbott, F. W., Pollard.	Baird, D. O., Coalfire.
Acker, Solomon, Fairview.	Baker, W. G., Bankston.
Adams, A., Hanceville.	Baker, L. H., Toledo.
Adams, N. F., Lay.	Balch, Wm., Rep.
Adams, W. Y., Hoke's Bluff.	Bane, J. Y., Sidney.
Adams, S. A., Jackson.	Barksdale, E. J., Blossburg.
Adams, S. M., Jemison.	Barnard, J. E., Oxford.
Adamson, S. M., Louisa.	Barnes, J. E., Newberne.
Agee, W. A., Russellville.	Barnett, J. R., Samantha.
Akin, W. J., Winfield.	Barrett, C. C., Jenifer.
Alden, O. A., Borden Springs.	Barrett, J. M., Anniston.
Allen, A. F., DeArmanville.	Bartlett, J. T., Sand Rock.
Allen, R. M., Emuckfaw.	Basham, J. A., Cullman.
Allen, Asa, Oxford.	Bates, J. W., Anniston.
Allen, D. C., Brundidge.	Batson, A. J., Earnest.
Allen, H., Arbacoochee.	Baxter, John, Ironaton.
Allen, W., Geneva.	Beal, J. T., Northport.
Allen, J. D., Frescoe.	Beatty, W. J., Kennedy.
Almon, W. U., Heflin.	Bean, G. H., Ezra.
Anders, J. H. M., Cokers.	Beaver, A. W., Winfield.
Anderson, G. S., Auburn.	Bell, G. L., Jackson's Gap.
Anderson, A., Cole.	Bell, V. A., Farill.
Ansley, S. J., East Lake.	Bell, G. W., New Decatur.
Appleton, J. B., Collinsville.	Benson, R. R., Lower Peach Tree.
Apsey, J. G., Eutaw.	Bently, C. J., Ashland.
Archer, P. M., Stanfield.	Benton, G. D., Phoenix City.
Archie, D. D., Madison X Roads.	Bice, Isaac, Verbena.
Armstrong, Aris, Headland.	Bice, J. C., Beaver Valley.
Armstrong, W. W., Wilsonville.	Bielsh, L. C., Rock Mills.
Arnold, R. B., Cloptom.	Billingsley, W. W., Billingsley.
Ashcraft, Wm., East Lake.	Bird, Scott, Chulafinnee.
Ashcraft, I. N., ———.	Bledsoe, W. C. D. D., Montgomery.
Ashcraft, R. C. A., Dingler.	Bledsoe, J. F.
Aston, J. T., Attalla.	Blake, R. H., River Bend.
Atkins, R. M., Double Springs.	Blackwell, C. S., D. D., Birmingham.
Atkinson, E. R., Decatur.	Blackwelder, W. M., Woodlawn.
Avant, W. C., Rutledge.	Bolen, James, Beaver Valley.
Baber, E. F., Montgomery.	Bolling, John, Theo.
Bagwell, J. E., Arab.	Bomar, P. V., Marion.

Bone, J. W., Kincheon.  
 Boole, J. H., York.  
 Bothe, D. O., Deer Park.  
 Boothe, W. H., Prattville.  
 Boozer, G. S., Mink.  
 Borroughs, E. P., Geraldine.  
 Bowerman, E. M., Blountsville.  
 Bowles, L. H., Troy.  
 Bowline, J., Beaver Valley.  
 Bowling, J. W., Oleander.  
 Bracken, M., Bracken.  
 Bradford, I. F., Avoca.  
 Bradley, L. M., Brewton.  
 Bradley, John, Perdue.  
 Bragg, T. R., Moulton.  
 Brandley, G. L., Simcoe.  
 Branham, M. T., North Birmingham.  
 Brannon, A. S., Camp Hill.  
 Brasier, I. L., Sterrett.  
 Brewer, G. E., Opelika.  
 Bridges, H. H., Dry Cove.  
 Briscoe, W. J., Falkville.  
 Briscoe, M., Danville.  
 Brooks, H. E., Eufaula.  
 Brooks, A. J., Bay Minette.  
 Brooks, J. W., Huggins.  
 Brooks, W. C., Ashland.  
 Brooks, E. M., Frescoe.  
 Brothens, B. F., Riverside.  
 Brown, E. L., Jasper.  
 Brown, P., Hollywood.  
 Brown, S. P., Oxford.  
 Brown, W. S., Florence.  
 Brown, J. W., Vienna.  
 Brown, J. M., Town Creek.  
 Brown, J. W., Strawberry.  
 Browning, W. Y., Irondale.  
 Buck, C. W., Montgomery.  
 Bulger, P. D., Lakeview.  
 Bullard, J. W., Level Plain.  
 Burden, C. J., LeFayette.  
 Burdeshaw, D. E., Kinsey.  
 Burgess, D. M., Cedar Bluff.  
 Burns, A. E., Huntsville.  
 Burrell, T., Bremen.  
 Burrough, E. P., Whiton.  
 Burrow, J. J., Piedmont.  
 Burson, V. R., Oak Level.  
 Busbee, J. T., Jug.

Bush, J. H., Hiram.  
 Butts, J. A., Childersburg.  
 Bynum, J. F., Escatawpa, Miss.  
 Byrd, Berry, Citronelle.  
 Cabaniss, J. W., Plantersville.  
 Cahall, W. L., Soapstone.  
 Cain, J. T., Central Mills.  
 Caldwell, J. R., Deatsville.  
 Calhoun, J. A., Spencer.  
 Calloway, T. M., Talladega.  
 Calloway, P. M., Newton.  
 Calloway, P. M., Jr., Newton.  
 Campbell, A. B., D. D., Troy.  
 Campbell, W. J., Chulafinnee.  
 Camp, C. D., Rockdale.  
 Camp, R. H., Old Town.  
 Carden, J. H. R., Weldon.  
 Carlyle, P. H., Callahan.  
 Carnes, G. B., Oneonta.  
 Carr, D. B., Boaz.  
 Carter, W. B., East Lake.  
 Casey, J. L., Sidney.  
 Castleberry, P., Easonville.  
 Catts, S. J., Tuskegee.  
 Causey, J. L., Healing Springs.  
 Chadwick, J. C., Meltonville.  
 Chambers, L., Rains.  
 Champion, J. L., Dolomite.  
 Champion, J. E., Clear Creek.  
 Chandler, J. W., Eastaboga.  
 Chandler, W. N., Attalla.  
 Chaney, R. C., Easouville.  
 Chapman, J., Ider.  
 Chappell, H. P., Dillburg.  
 Cheatham, W. H., Greenville.  
 Cheatwood, B. A., Edwardsville.  
 Cheatwood, R. M., Jenkins.  
 Chism, J. M., Palmetto.  
 Choran, L. B., Bolling.  
 Chun, G. A., Blountsville.  
 Churchwell, J. J., Springville.  
 Claiburn, W. M., Friendship.  
 Clark, T. J., Hailton.  
 Clayton, J. J., Sand Mountain.  
 Clements, J. B., Opelika.  
 Cleveland, W. C., D. D., Columbia.  
 Cline, J. H., Hickory Flat.  
 Cloud, J. J., Auburn.  
 Cobb, A. P., Hood.

- Cobbs, W. T., Falkville.  
 Cochran, L. B., Chapman.  
 Cofield, J. E., Newville.  
 Cofield, W. P., Fredonia.  
 Cole, W., Gum Pond.  
 Colburn, R., Eldridge.  
 Colley, J. H., David.  
 Collier, J., Adamsville.  
 Collier, S. T., Albertville.  
 Collier, W. J., Hyatt.  
 Collins, D. S., Carnes.  
 Collins, I. L., Ridge.  
 Comstock, O. E., Sheffield.  
 Cone, G. W., Bremen.  
 Conger, J. R., Hackneyville.  
 Conger, R. E., Hackneyville.  
 Connell, W. H., Six Mile.  
 Cook, C., Fredonia.  
 Cook, J. D., Clinton.  
 Cooper, J. B., Bluff Springs.  
 Cooper, J. C., Marble Valley.  
 Cooper, D. R., Whistler.  
 Cooper, Benjamin, Johnson.  
 Cooper, B. F., Irondale.  
 Corley, P. J., Joppa.  
 Cornelius, M. A., Maple Grove.  
 Couch, J. M., ———.  
 Coulson, L. C., Scottsboro.  
 Cowart, D. C., Cowart's.  
 Cox, R. S., Northport.  
 Cox, G. W., Roanoke.  
 Cox, J. E., Fayette C. H.  
 Cox, S. J., Gum Springs.  
 Cox, R. A., Wynnville.  
 Cox, W. S., Jumbo.  
 Craig, L. P., Bessemer.  
 Craighead, T. B., Uniontown.  
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 Crawford, W. I., Maynard's Cove.  
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 Creighton, J. H., Whatley.  
 Crider, John, Zidonla.  
 Cross, S. L., White Plains.  
 Crowder, C. J., Anniston.  
 Crumbly, J. W., Oneonta.  
 Crumpton, B. H., D. D., Belleville.  
 Crumpton, H. T., Louisville, Ky.  
 Crumpton, G. W., Columbiana.  
 Crutcher, N. D., Madison.  
 Culbertson, W. L., Attalla.  
 Culpepper, S. B., Alexander City.  
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 Cumbia, J., Strond.  
 Cumbie, R. A. J., Dadeville.  
 Cumbie, W. A., Way.  
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 Curry, W. G., D. D., Livingston.  
 Dameron, J. T., Jenifer.  
 Daminey, F. E., Geneva.  
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 Daniel, M. N., Arkadelphia.  
 Daugherty, A., Dothan.  
 Davidson, E. F., Phoenix City.  
 Davidson, J. T., Honoraville.  
 Davis, E. T., Hope Hull.  
 Davis, W. T., Lineville.  
 Davis, G. A., Melvin.  
 Dawson, J. D., Town Creek.  
 Dawson, L. O., D. D., Tuskaloosa.  
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 Deal, R., Ozark.  
 Dean, M. C., Index.  
 Deason, P. J., Sterling.  
 Deason, T. J., Kincheon.  
 DeBerry, Z. T., Wharton.  
 Deer, J. E., Roberts.  
 Deer, Zach, Kinsey.  
 Denham, N. C., Hyatt.  
 Denton, J. G., Luna.  
 DeWitt, R. J. W., Jackson.  
 DeWitt, W. H., Nicholsonville.  
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 Dickinson, J. V., Pratt City.  
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 Dickinson, D. W., Winfield.  
 Dison, T. B., Blocton.  
 Dix, A. F., Montgomery.  
 Dobbs, N. O., Sykes' Mill.  
 Dobbs, T. F., Johnson.  
 Dobson, A. P., Allen Glenn.  
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 Dorman, H., Walnut Grove.  
 Dorman, A., Boaz.  
 Dorman, J. W., Gurley's Creek.  
 Draper, J., Hightog.  
 Draughan, R. I., Perdue Hill.



Drew, William, Sand Rock.  
 Driver, M. M., Hillabee.  
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 Dunlap, J. H., Green Springs.  
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 Dunn, J. A., Daviston.  
 Dunn, W. J., Daviston.  
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 Earnest, W. B., Toledo.  
 Eaves, J. A., Holly Tree.  
 Eden, J. P., Anniston.  
 Edwards, J. M., Woodville.  
 Eiland, C. L., Bullock.  
 Elane, T. J., Randolph.  
 Eley, M. N., Union Springs.  
 Elliott, W. J., Montgomery.  
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 Ester, J. A., Coalfire.  
 Ethridge, A. W., Marvin.  
 Fagan, J. W., Isney.  
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 Falkner, W. W., Charlton.  
 Fargason, T. B., Motley.  
 Fendley, J. W., Behrman.  
 Ferguson, J. B., Samantha.  
 Finney, M., Newburg.  
 Fletcher, F. M., Camden.  
 Folks, J. D., Irondale.  
 Fordham, D. J., Kinsey.  
 Fort, W. S., Turkistan.  
 Fortune, J. M., Pleasant Hill.  
 Foster, N., Sturdivant.  
 Foster, J. H., D. D., Tuscaloosa.  
 Foster, J. H. Jr., Anniston.  
 Foster, C. G., Hillabee.  
 Foster, W. T., Notasulga.  
 Franklin, D. B., Sandusky.  
 Freeman, F. A., Butler.  
 Fuller, G. R., Brookwood.  
 Fuller, G. W., Hawkinsville.  
 Fulmer, W. R., Sloan.  
 Fulmer, J. W., Mt. Olive.  
 Gable, J. F., Montgomery.  
 Garlington, H. W., LaFayette.  
 Garner, T. J., Ai.  
 Garner, J. C., Ai.  
 Garrett, J. W., Green Hill.  
 Garrett, W. M., Oaklone.  
 Garrett, M., DeArmanville.  
 Gay, W. D., Montgomery.  
 Gay, A. A., Stinson.  
 Gibson, J. S., Mt. Hope.  
 Gilbert, J. I., Hayes.  
 Giles, B. F., East Lake.  
 Gilmer, J. C., Argo.  
 Gilmore, M. P., Cottonwood.  
 Glenn, J. A., Ashville.  
 Goldsmith, A. F., Calhoun.  
 Gorman, M. C., Tecumseh.  
 Gothard, J. M., Jemison.  
 Gray, B. D., D. D., Birmingham.  
 Gray, Jacob, Attalla.  
 Gravlee, G. W., Newtonville.  
 Green, A. W., Guin.  
 Gregory, W. G., Gold Dust.  
 Gregory, J. L., Dudleyville.  
 Griffiths, J. P., Mobile.  
 Griffin, W. S., Alexandria.  
 Grimes, S. R., Notasulga.  
 Groover, W. P., Friendship.  
 Gunn, J., Trinity.  
 Gunter, W. N., Montgomery.  
 Guthrie, W. H., Logan.  
 Haygood, J. J., Clayton.  
 Haggard, J. W., Chadwick.  
 Hagler, J. H., Warrior.  
 Hale, P. T., D. D., Birmingham.  
 Hale, W. P., Shelby.  
 Haley, J. H., Alice.  
 Hall, W. M., Refuge.  
 Hall, J. M., Mobile.  
 Hall, B. A., Kirk's Grove.  
 Hallman, J. R., Brookwood.  
 Hamberlin, J. B., Healing Springs.  
 Hambricht, A. C., Trussville.  
 Hamner, J. D., Romulus.  
 Hamner, J. W., Hatchechubbee.  
 Hancock, W. D., Seddon.  
 Hannah, William, Brookwood.  
 Hand, J. L., Rollins.  
 Handcock, T. A., Arkadelphia.  
 Hamey, Q. D., Eldridge.  
 Hanson, E. D., Merrellton.  
 Hanson, H. P., Gasque.  
 Hanson, J. W., Roanoke.  
 Hardin, A. J., Madison.

- Hardin, B. G., Fordton.  
 Hardin, C. W., Josie.  
 Harbinson, J. H., Bremen.  
 Hare, C. W., Tuskegee.  
 Hare, S. J., Ashville.  
 Hare, M. J., Andalusia.  
 Harmon, William, Good Hope.  
 Harris, George D., Piedmont.  
 Harris, W. W., Abbeville.  
 Harris, J. C., Moody.  
 Harris, John, Beaver Valley.  
 Harris, L., Ozark.  
 Harrison, G. W., Clayton.  
 Harrison, T. K., Pleasant Grove.  
 Harwell, W. H., Hillabee.  
 Hastie, L. H., Marble Valley.  
 Hastings, G. M., Larkinsville.  
 Hatcher, W. J., Hatcher.  
 Hawkins, R. F., Luverne.  
 Hayes, T. E., Hanceville.  
 Head, H. W., Blountsville.  
 Hearne, A. J., Yantley.  
 Hearn, W. H., Rodenton.  
 Hambree, J. H., Danville.  
 Helveston, F. M., Crichton.  
 Henderson, J. M., Gaylesville.  
 Henderson, W. S., Wilsonville.  
 Henderson, J. W., Shorterville.  
 Henderson, S., North Birmingham.  
 Henson, D., McIntosh.  
 Herring, R., Midland City.  
 Heptinstall, J. C., Anniston.  
 Hester, J. H., Lamar.  
 Hewitt, J., Strasburg.  
 Hicks, J., Montgomery.  
 Higdon, J. H., Zern.  
 Higgins, J. W. S., Valley Head.  
 Higgins, J. B. T., Valley Head.  
 Higginbotham, M., Hollywood.  
 Hill, A. B., Lomax.  
 Hilliard, J. W., Monrovia.  
 Hinson, J. H., Geneva.  
 Hix, D. B., Micaville.  
 Hix, R. H., Stone Hill.  
 Hixson, J. O., Union Springs.  
 Hllon, James, Nauvoo.  
 Hobson, F. M., Hagler.  
 Hobson, W. A., East Lake.  
 Hodge, S. E., Humphreys.  
 Hodnett, L. P., Christiana.  
 Hogan, James, Birmingham.  
 Holcombe, T. D., Country.  
 Holden, J. C., Reeves.  
 Holdridge, G. W., Almond.  
 Holloway, J. W., Wedowee.  
 Holmes, J., Marble Valley.  
 Honeycutt, R. M., Clanton.  
 Hood, N. A., Ashville.  
 Hooper, W. C., Blackburn.  
 Hopkins, W. S., Reedbrake.  
 Hopper, W. C., Elk River Mills.  
 Horn, D., Church Hill.  
 Horn, D. M., Mott's Mill.  
 Hornady, G. A., LaFayette.  
 Horton, G. S., Duck Springs.  
 Horton, J. H., Duck Springs.  
 Hosmer, J. W., Bankston.  
 House, B. F., Oak Level.  
 Howard, J. A., Woodlawn.  
 Howard, S. O., Fort Payne.  
 Howell, R., Stephenson.  
 Howell, C., Francisco.  
 Howle, T. H., Delta.  
 Hubbard, W. D., Greenville.  
 Hubbard, W. G., Scottsville.  
 Huchison, F. M., Lentzville.  
 Hucks, William, Maysville.  
 Huckabee, J. A., Moss.  
 Huckabee, W. N., Pine Apple.  
 Huckabee, W. A., Winfield.  
 Hudgins, M., White Cloud.  
 Hudson, F. T., Auburn.  
 Hudson, J. D., Choctaw Corner.  
 Hudson, T. C., Loachapoka.  
 Huey, J. M., East Lake.  
 Hughes, L. D., Daleville.  
 Hughes, J. D., Rockford.  
 Hughes, W. W., Wetumpka.  
 Hughes, C. C., Strawberry.  
 Hughes, B. C., Weldon.  
 Hunt, T. D., McLune.  
 Hunter, J. P., LaFayette.  
 Hunter, R. M., Avondale.  
 Hutchison, F. M., Pettey.  
 Hutto, A. A., Alpine.  
 Inzer, S. J., Rocky Mount.  
 Ingram, G. W., Tip.  
 Isbell, J. W., Lime Rock.

- Isbell, M., Lime Rock.  
 Ivey, W. R., Bessemer.  
 Jacks, W. L., Plevna.  
 Jacks, William, Estill's Forks.  
 Jackson, F. M., Russellville.  
 Jackson, B. A., Ramer.  
 Jackson, J. C., Heflin.  
 James, B. H., Russellville.  
 James, D. L., Blount Springs.  
 Jarvis, N. J., Dogwood.  
 Jenkins, J. K., Lineville.  
 Jenkins, W. O., Daviston.  
 Jefferson, J. R., Gravelton.  
 Jernigan, J. S., Green's.  
 Johnson, J. D., Chulafinnnee.  
 Johnson, C. S., Sylacauga.  
 Johnson, T. M., Russellville.  
 Johnson, N. R. E., Mountain Mills.  
 Johnson, M. A., Bluff Springs.  
 Johnson, J. M., Dexter.  
 Johnson, C. L., Smith Station.  
 Johnson, D. R., Eastaboga.  
 Johnson, J. W., Clay.  
 Johnson, H. L., Alexandria.  
 Johnson, W., Hanceville.  
 Johnson, C., Montgomery.  
 Johnson, J. R., Rollins.  
 Johnson, W. H., Idaho.  
 Joiner, W. H., Shell.  
 Jones, G. E., Gadsden.  
 Jones, J. W., Spruce Pine.  
 Jones, J. L., Paint Rock.  
 Jones, B. T., Newton.  
 Jones, M. L., Decatur.  
 Jones, J. S., Bulger's Mill.  
 Jones, W. L., LaFayette.  
 Jones, H. S., Blaine.  
 Jones, J. T., Corona.  
 Jones, P. M., East Lake.  
 Jordan, J. D., Marshall.  
 Judd, E. P. A., Whistler.  
 Keith, J. D., Bangor.  
 Keener, M. D., Center.  
 Kelley, T. A., Weoka.  
 Hendrick, J. I., Furman.  
 Kennedy, R., New Market.  
 Kennington, J. W., Clintonville.  
 Kent, J. M., Bessemer.  
 Kerr, G. W., Reform.  
 Key, H. A., Jug.  
 Key, A. P., Rockdale.  
 Keyton, J. R., Dothan.  
 Kidd, R. A., Vincent.  
 Kilpatrick, J. B., Danville.  
 Kirby, H. H., Pea Ridge.  
 Kirk, M. J., Blowhorn.  
 Kirkland, M. C., Kirkland.  
 Kirkland, R. C., Volina.  
 Kirkland, W. W., Vincent.  
 Kite, D. W., Handley.  
 King, H. A., Glu Hill.  
 King, B. F., Hazel Green.  
 Kilgore, A., Patton Mines.  
 Kizziah, J., Clements.  
 Knight, H. C., Black's Store.  
 Knight, J. L., Coffee's Store.  
 Knight, H., Holly Tree.  
 Knowles, J. W., Bracken.  
 Knowles, J. W., Headland.  
 Knowles, S. J., Headland.  
 Lackey, W. H., Stella.  
 Lambert, A. J., Mt. Pleasant.  
 Langston, J. M., Six Mile.  
 Langston, I. N., Elba.  
 Lankford, James, Citronelle.  
 Lankford, T. J., Collinsville.  
 Larkin, J. R., Coatopa.  
 Law, L., Cropwell.  
 Lawley, J. W., Moody.  
 Lawton, W. T., Henderson.  
 Layton, J. O., Ragland.  
 Lawson, W. T., Henderson.  
 Lawrence, T. N., Shoulitz.  
 Leak, M. A., Fabins.  
 Leath, F. M., Garrison's Point.  
 Leath, H. T., Broomton.  
 Leavell, T. S., Green Hill.  
 Ledbetter, R. C., Walter.  
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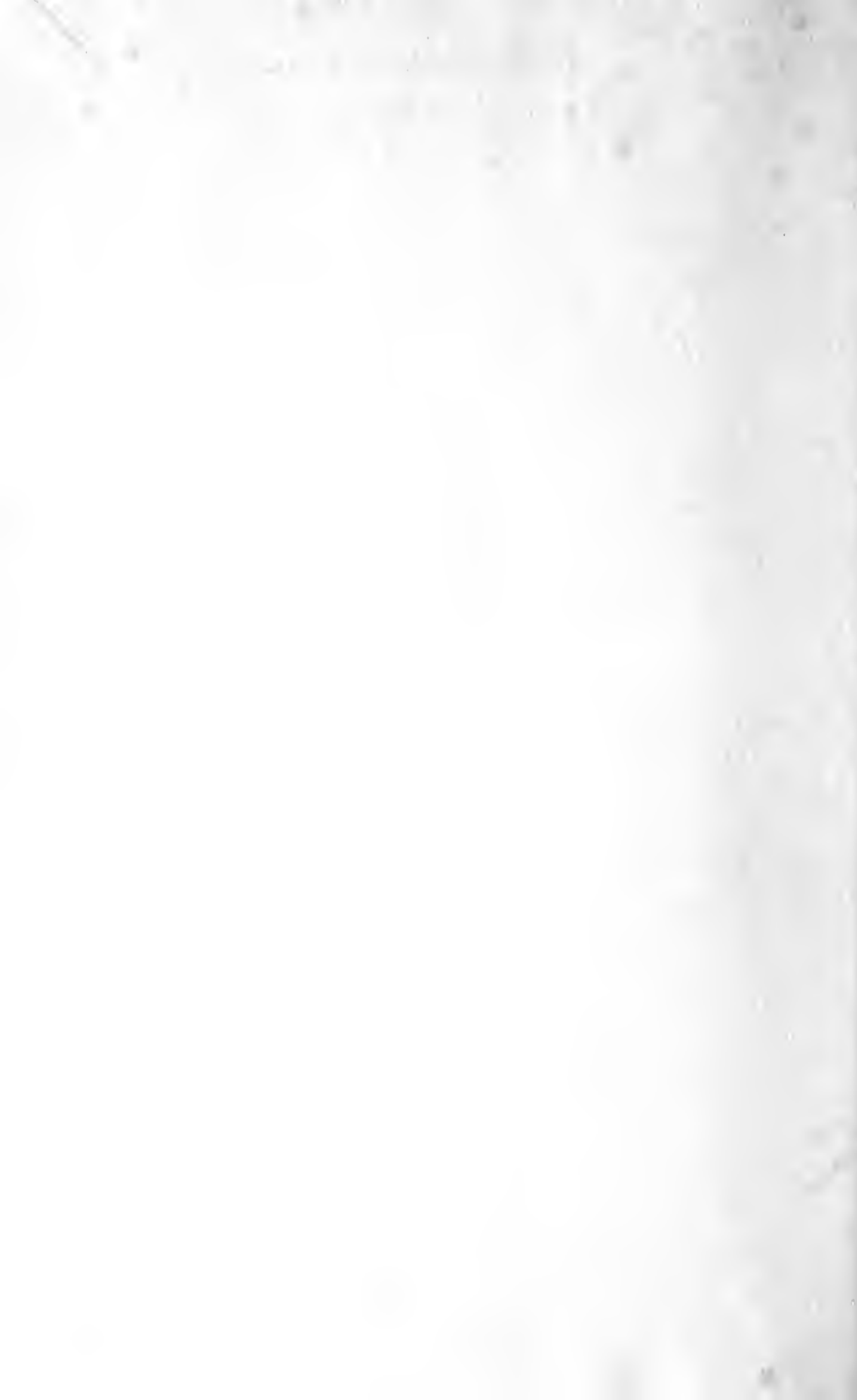
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